

Community Development Committee

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Proposed Action

None. Information and discussion only.

Background

In the Twin Cities region, people with disabilities have employment, economic well-being, and housing outcomes that compare unfavorably to those of people without disabilities. This report summarizes the demographics of the region's people with disabilities and highlights the existing disparities by ability status. To assess the degree to which people with disabilities can access economic opportunities, the report discusses disparities in work status, earnings, and poverty rates. It also focuses on inequities in access to stable and affordable housing by examining disparities in home ownership and housing cost burden.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Equity, one of the Thrive outcomes, strives to connect all residents to opportunity regardless of their race, ethnicity, income, and ability status. This presentation provides information on existing inequities between residents with and without disabilities. It presents an opportunity to assess the context of disparities by ability status and to establish a baseline for measuring progress toward more equitable outcomes.