

Americans With Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation Update and Listening Session

Metropolitan Council Equity Advisory
Committee

Tuesday, July 16, 2019



Background

- To increase accessibility at the Council and comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Council is conducting a formal self-evaluation
- Self-evaluation will include our buildings and policies
- Work will be completed at the end of the year
- Results will be used to create the Transition Plan



Public Engagement

- Council is creating an accessibility webpage to share ADA and accessibility work
- Council will survey staff and community on accessibility of Council
- Listening sessions occurring this spring and summer
- Public input required under Title II of the ADA



Contract Awarded

- The Council requested bids from businesses to conduct the facility portion of the self-evaluation
- JQP was awarded the contract in June
- Reviewing over 400 Council locations including garages and facility-connected bus stops
- Work will be completed by December 2019
- Results shared with EAC, incorporated into Transition Plan



Who is JQP, Inc.?

- Organizational history
- Years of experience
- Approach to work

- Questions on scope of work?



Feedback on Council Accessibility

- What are we doing well to serve our communities as well as our staff and interns?
- What can be done better?
- How do you want us to communicate our progress?



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