



Accepting Applications for Legislation Committee Public Member

About DRC

We are the largest disability rights advocacy group in the nation, established by federal law to protect and advocate for Californians with disabilities. Last year we assisted more than 26,000 individuals and hundreds of thousands more benefited from our systems litigation, policy work, trainings and publications. Last year we helped Ofelia get supported living services to stay in her home instead of moving into a nursing home; helped David get assistance from the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to start his own business; and ensured that voting systems were accessible to Californians with disabilities. Read more about our work at <https://www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org/post/2018-annual-report>

Legislation Committee

The Legislation Committee reviews, examines, evaluates, monitors, and makes recommendations to the full Board regarding legislation and other public policy initiatives. Specifically, the Committee oversees and makes recommendations to staff, the full Board and/or Board Committees regarding Disability Rights California's legislative and other public policy initiatives including:

- Development of an annual Legislative Platform, including the development of legislative proposals that will be sponsored or initiated by Disability Rights California.
- Positions on state and federal legislation and budget items that are not covered by Disability Rights California's Legislative Principles.
- Monitoring of the status of legislation affecting Californians with disabilities.
- Development and periodic review of Disability Rights California's Legislative Principles.
- Reviewing and taking positions on Ballot Initiatives.
- Positions on other state and federal public policy initiatives.

The Committee meets in conjunction with two or more of the calendared Board meetings and meets a minimum of two times outside of calendared Board meetings either in person or by teleconference. The Committee also uses the Legislation email list to discuss legislative and public policy initiatives. The Legislative Director and Executive Director staff the committee.

How to Apply

Submit a letter of interest and references by Monday, July 29, 2019 to Karen Mercado at karen.mercado@disabilityrightsca.org or Fax (916) 504-5809. The letter should include your contact information and answer the following questions.

1. Describe your connection to the disability community and disability civil rights.
2. Identify and briefly describe prior experience serving on boards, including the dates of service and the activities you engaged in as a board member.
3. Describe why you want to join Disability Rights California's board and what you would like to accomplish as a board member.
4. Describe your educational background, current employment and/or other volunteer activities.
5. Identify your unique skills and experience such as accounting, legal, public relations, fundraising, disability community connections and languages spoken.
6. List at least two references. Please include the name, telephone number and email address for each reference. Additionally, please list if you have a relative who is a DRC staff member or on DRC's Board.
7. *The following is voluntary:* DRC's Board values diversity. In order to assist the Board in selecting diverse Board members, please identify which of the following group(s) you belong to: Decline to State, African American/Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, White, Multi-racial; Developmental Disability, Psychiatric Disability, Learning Disability, Sensory Disability, Physical Disability, Other Disability; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender.

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