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October 24, 2023

Honorable Chairman Ervin,

In advance of the Budget Hearing scheduled for the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities on October 25, 2023, I kindly request answers to the following questions through the chair.

- Can MOPD share a list of all the pedestrian crossing signals that have been converted to Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) in the city, as well as a list of all APS signals that are in the design or construction phase, broken down into statuses of completed, in construction, and in design?
- Does MOPD work with CDOT on tactile dome implementation, or any other sidewalk repair programs to ensure sidewalks and walkways are accessible for all?
- Does MOPD evaluate city hiring and retention policies to ensure disabled people are being encouraged to work for the city and there are not unnecessary restrictions placed that discourage employment?
  - o Is there existing data on how many people with disabilities the city currently employs and has hired within the last 2 years?
- Does MOPD evaluate city communications for accessibility? Would it be possible to offer training or materials on accessible communications and events?
- Has MOPD worked with any city or state agencies regarding psychiatric disabilities? For example, the Treatment Not Trauma Campaign or the Community Emergency Services and Support Act?
- Does MOPD do any outreach to Aldermanic offices on services (from the city and from other organizations) for disabled people?
- Under personnel services at MOPD (pg. 160) there is a ~\$33,000 increase "For the employment of students as trainees". Can MOPD elaborate on what this personnel program is?
- Under contractual services at MOPD (pg. 160) there is a \$250,000 increase for 'Delegate Agencies'. Can we receive a breakdown of the delegate agencies MOPD works with, and what programs they oversee?
- How many employees work on disabled parking permit appeal processing? What is the average turnaround time for an appeal that is received by MOPD? Are there any plans to take on a bigger role in the Disabled Parking Application Process, given that the initial decisions from the Department of Finance can take months? Would MOPD be able to work on modernizing and streamlining the process?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel P. La Spata". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Daniel La Spata

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