
Mayor's Disability Council



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Dear Greg:

The Mayor's Disability Council thanks you for your detailed response on May 5 regarding your progress on Shared Spaces and identifying and bringing operators of parklets up to the current legislative requirements, especially for accessibility. It was gratifying to see that you expect to exceed 100 permits by Spring. This is a significant improvement and we thank you for that.

We will continue to support your efforts by encouraging the disabled public to notify 311 if they encounter inaccessible or unsafe situations regarding parklets and specific sites. We gratefully appreciate your efforts and hope to continue a dialogue in the months to come.

It also would be helpful if DPW could provide funds to economically stressed small businesses to help them to either remove these unused parklets or pay fees or other expenses to bring their parklets up to code. With a tight budget this may not be possible, but if some reduction or elimination of fees were offered, there may be an increase in compliance.

Thank you again for keeping us up to date on the progress of DPW's efforts to keep parklets up to the current code.

Sincerely,

MAYORS DISABILITY COUNCIL

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