

public hearing

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 8 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

2134 GROVE STREET, BERKELEY

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"The People of Berkeley - a Policy" Revised

- WHO WILL LIVE IN BERKELEY?
- HOW CROWDED WILL IT BE?
- WHOSE NEEDS WILL GET SPECIAL ATTENTION?
- WILL YOU HAVE A VOICE IN DECISIONS WHICH
AFFECT YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

THE PEOPLE OF BERKELEY -

A POLICY

Housing Committee of the Planning Commission

August 1974

B. Diversity and Integration

4. Population Groups

a. Special Needs

3. The Disabled

THE DISABLED ARE A LONG NEGLECTED GROUP IN SOCIETY. BERKELEY RECOGNIZES THIS NEGLECT, AND SUPPORTS A PROGRAM, WITH PARTICIPATION BY THE DISABLED, DIRECTED TOWARDS SOLVING THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THIS GROUP. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD ELIMINATE BARRIERS AND INCLUDE THE NECESSARY ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES FOR HOUSING LOCATED AT APPROPRIATE SITES THROUGHOUT THE CITY; A SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM; "HALF-WAY" HOUSES AT APPROPRIATE SITES THROUGHOUT THE CITY; AND GREATER JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

Comments:

- There are more than 20,000 disabled persons in the East Bay including the blind, the deaf and those with a wide range of disabilities.
- Most disabled persons are also low income.
- Berkeley is relatively unthreatening to the disabled, and is becoming a center of activity by this group.
- Some of the requirements of this group include: close shopping and transportation; more space in their housing units because of wheelchairs; accessible or adaptable structures; appropriate medical services; special transportation vans; greater employment opportunities; and especially to be treated as people who have the same aspirations, desires, and feelings as the rest of the population.
- State laws on the disabled pertain to their mobility, accessibility and equal rights to public facilities.