

To the City of Flagstaff Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The City of Flagstaff Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living (CIAL) has been established with the duty to advise the Flagstaff City Council on issues affecting individuals with disabilities in our community. With our duty in mind, we are submitting this letter to provide a voice of support for those members of our community whom we represent.

It has come to the attention of the CIAL that there is a severe lack of wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV) in Flagstaff, especially among taxi providers, Ubers, and Lyfts. Based on a 2023 survey conducted with social service agencies in Flagstaff, 73% of those responding reported unreliable on-demand WAV access in Flagstaff and 42% reported individuals in need of wheelchair accessible transportation often or all the time.

Due to this severe need that is currently not being met, the CIAL is eager to see more Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles come to Flagstaff so as to provide on demand transportation for all. Subsequently, the CIAL is supporting and assisting the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Subcommittee (of the Coordinated Mobility Council) in addressing this service gap with the members of the City Council.

At this time the CIAL is advising the City Council of this unmet need of many members of our community and is asking for the City Council's support of this endeavor. Equity of mobility services for all in Flagstaff is paramount to our city's attempt to provide a safe and accessible environment for all its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Members of the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living