

April 24, 2024

To Interested Parties:

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 our attention 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 City of Flagstaff Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living is eager to see more Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles come to Flagstaff so as to provide on demand transportation for all. The Commission is supporting and assisting the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Subcommittee (of the Coordinated Mobility Council) in assisting a local taxi company to find donations and resources to purchase a WAV. The taxi company identified understands the need in Flagstaff and has great interest in providing wheelchair accessible service. However, there are financial barriers to purchasing a WAV.

This company is new to Flagstaff and is a small, family owned business. The WAV subcommittee is seeking to explore funding options such as donations for interested taxi or transit network companies willing to invest in the future of equity of mobility services for all in Flagstaff. We hope this issue strikes your enthusiastic support and resource sharing. The WAV Subcommittee and the City of Flagstaff CIAL look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you,
Members of the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living

