

# Disability Access Advisory Committee (DAAC)



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# Disability Access Office (DAO)



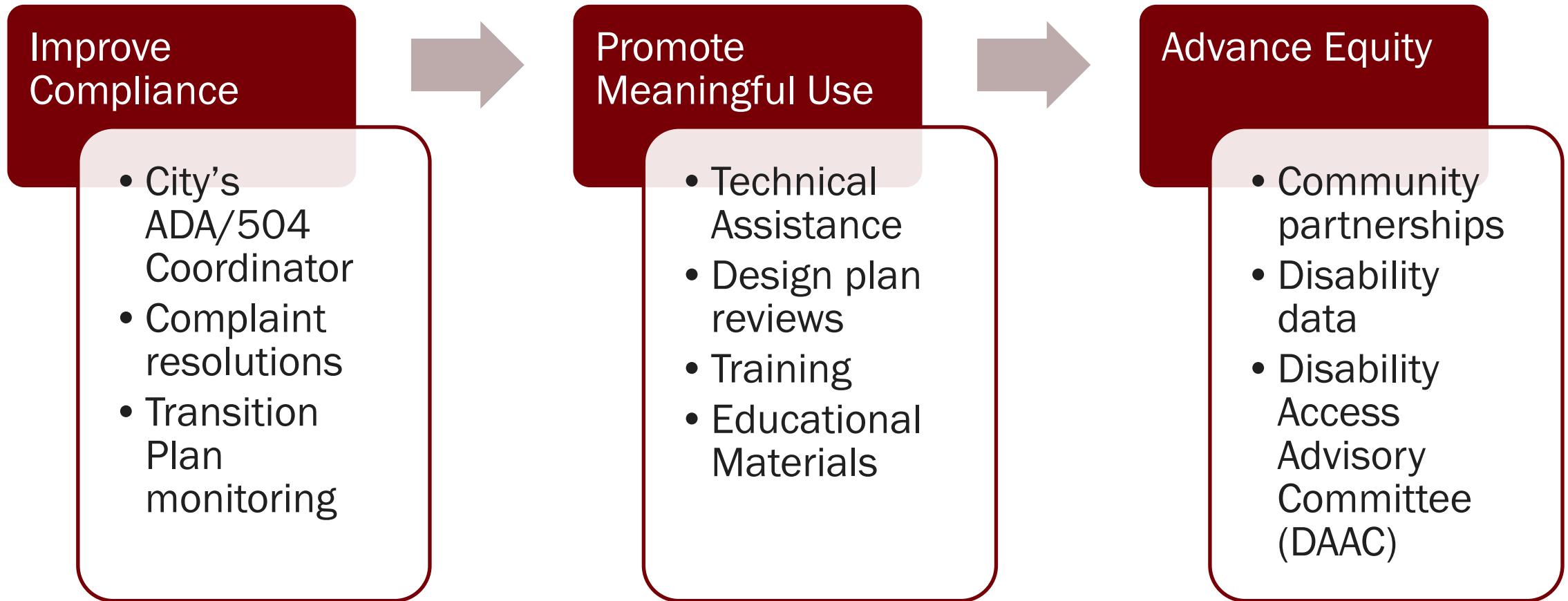
## Mission

To ensure the City's programs, services, and facilities are accessible and usable by people living with disabilities so people, regardless of ability, can fully engage in community life.



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# DAO Core Services



# Committee Purpose



- Established in 1979
- Serves in an advisory capacity to City leadership, City departments, and the Disability Access Office
- Promotes equity, opportunity and accessibility for residents living with disabilities
- Serves as the voice for the approximately 233,000 San Antonio residents who identify as having a disability

# Membership



Athalie Malone, Mayor



Bonnie Weed, District 6



Anne Larme, District 1



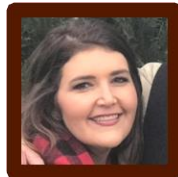
Melanie Cawthon, District 7,  
Vice- Chair



Donna Lewis, District 2



Jose Martinez, District 9,  
Chair



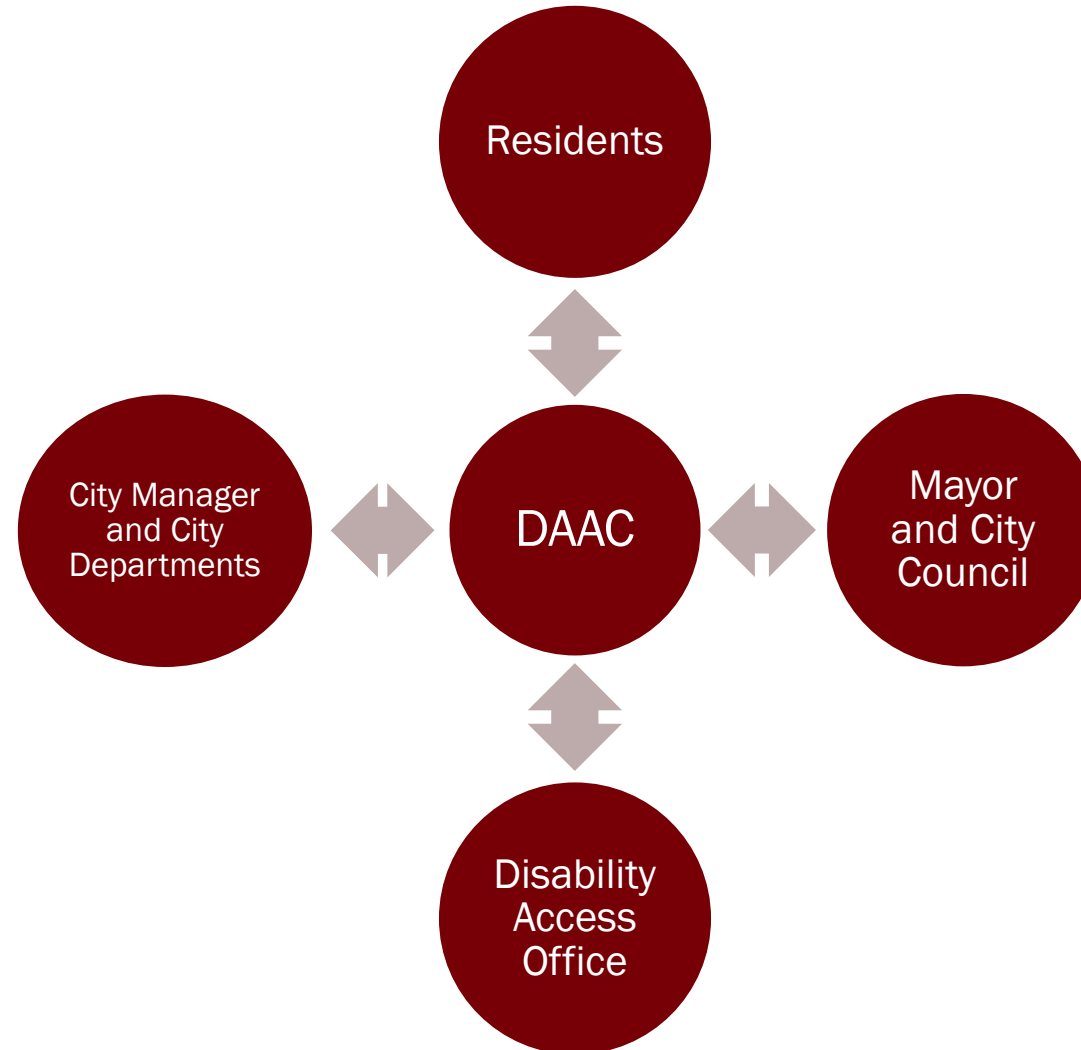
Maggie Cromeens, District 5



Barbara Thabet, District 10

\*Districts 3 and 4 are currently vacant

# DAAC Partners



# 2020 Accomplishments



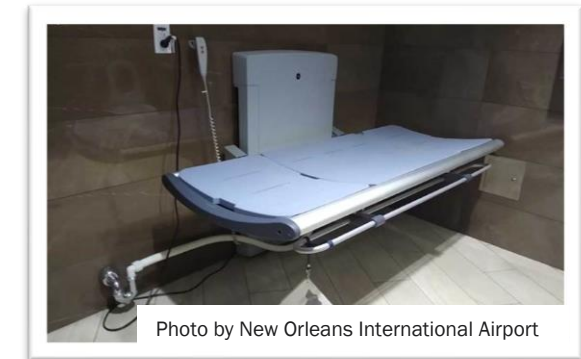
## Bexar County Partnership

- Joint meetings and memos with the Technical Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities



## Response and Recovery

- Budget
- Metro Health
- Workforce Development



## Adult Changing Stations

- Support for review of UDC
- Support for state legislative bill



# 2021 Focus



- Equitable representation of people with disabilities
- Collaborations with City departments
- Increased communication with committee members and Council offices



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# Items to Consider



**Workforce  
Development**



**Small Business  
Support**



**Housing  
Security**



**Digital  
Inclusion**



**Health  
Care**

- Are people living with disabilities included in the planning and implementation of strategic plans, programs and services?
- Do they have targeted goals for people living with disabilities?
- Are projects that help people living with disabilities prioritized?
- Does the City hire businesses that employee or are owned by people with living with disabilities?
- Are people living with disabilities represented on city boards, committees and working groups?



# Thank You

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