

An agreement about the rights of people with disabilities who are homeless in Laguna Beach

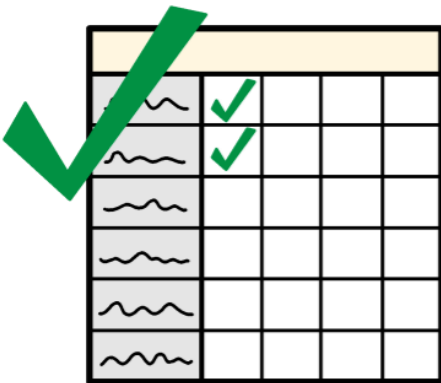


This information is for anyone with a disability who is homeless in Laguna Beach or who will move to Laguna Beach and be homeless.



This information tells you about:

- A court case that happened about the rights of people with disabilities who are homeless in Laguna Beach.



- An agreement that has been made about what should happen next.

- How to find out more.



- How to say if you are unhappy with the agreement.

About the court case



In 2015, some people with disabilities who are homeless in Laguna Beach went to court.



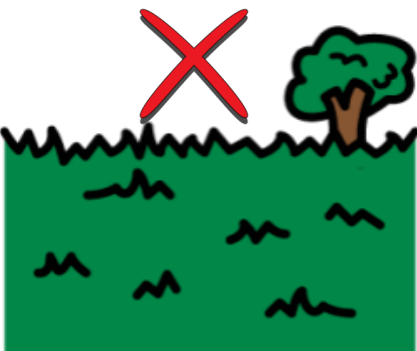
They were unhappy with the City of Laguna Beach and the police in Laguna Beach.



They went to court because they thought that:

- Some services for homeless people were not right for people with disabilities.

For example, they were hard to use and did not give people the right support.



- The City of Laguna Beach and the police stopped some people with disabilities from sleeping in public places like parks and beaches.



- The City of Laguna Beach and the police put people with disabilities who are homeless in more danger.

They have also broken some laws called:

- The Americans with Disabilities Act
- The Rehabilitation Act



This is what the people with disabilities thought.

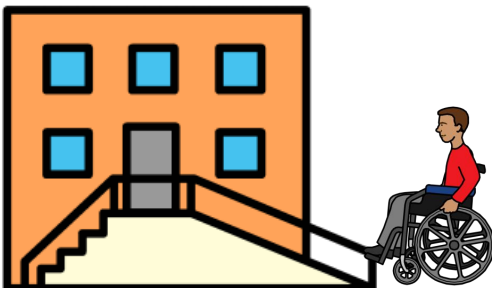
The City of Laguna Beach and the police do not agree with this.

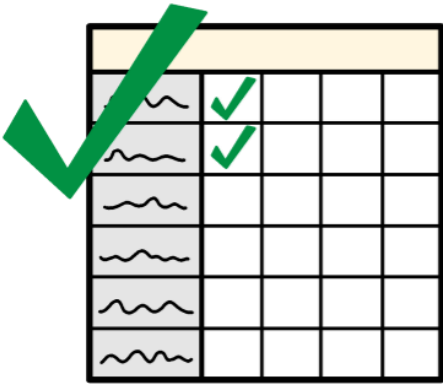
What did people with disabilities ask the court?



The people who went to court wanted the City of Laguna Beach and the police to:

- Stop using laws to stop people with disabilities from sleeping in public places.
- Make City of Laguna Beach services easy for people with disabilities who are homeless to use.





Instead of going to court for a trial, everyone in the court case made an agreement about what should happen next.

The court will decide if this agreement will go ahead.

What does the agreement say?



We will tell you the main things in the agreement.

There is information on page 14 about how to see the whole agreement.



The agreement is about **all** people with a disability who are homeless who live in Laguna Beach or will move there.

The main things the agreement says



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Both sides in the court case will say in public that they agree with some work that the City of Laguna Beach is doing for homeless people.

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Someone in charge of making services easy to use.



The City of Laguna Beach will still have someone in charge of making services easy for people with disabilities to use.



This includes the City's shelter for homeless people called the ASL shelter. It is at 20652 Laguna Canyon Road.



This person is called an **ADA Coordinator**.

They have training about the rights of people with disabilities.

They will have some more work to do for the ASL shelter.

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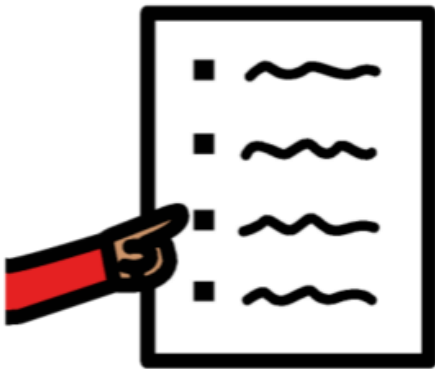
Asking for changes to be made or making a complaint.



Some people with disabilities may need to ask for extra support for their disability.



And some people may want to complain if they think the City of Laguna Beach or the police have treated them unfairly because of their disability.



The City of Laguna Beach has some rules for people to follow about this.

The City of Laguna Beach will make sure the police have these rules.

The City of Laguna Beach will make rules like this for the ASL shelter.

These rules will be at the ASL shelter for people to see.

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The ASL shelter and how it works



People with disabilities can ask the ASL shelter to change something if they think it won't work for people with disabilities.

For example, this could be some rules about the shelter.



Staff at the ASL shelter have to look at what people with disabilities ask for and see if it is possible.



People with disabilities can say if they don't agree with the ASL shelter's decision.

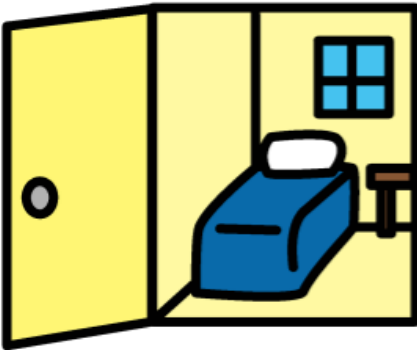
They can tell the ADA Coordinator. This person works for the City Of Laguna Beach.

The ADA Coordinator will tell staff at the ASL shelter to change the decision if they think it is wrong.



The City of Laguna Beach and staff at the ASL shelter will help people with disabilities know about these rights.

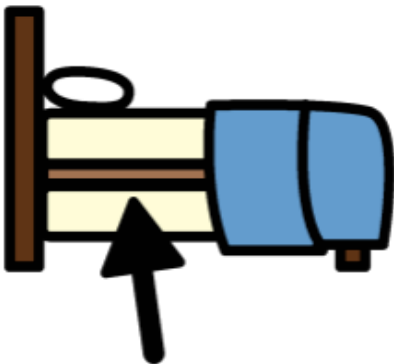
There will be some support for people with disabilities at the ASL shelter:



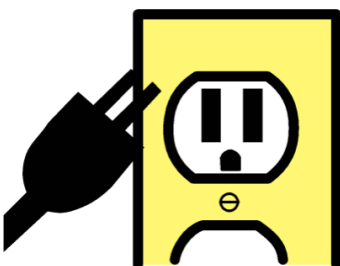
- There will be at least 3 areas to sleep in that are more private for people with disabilities who need it.

Or transport to another shelter that has private areas to sleep in.

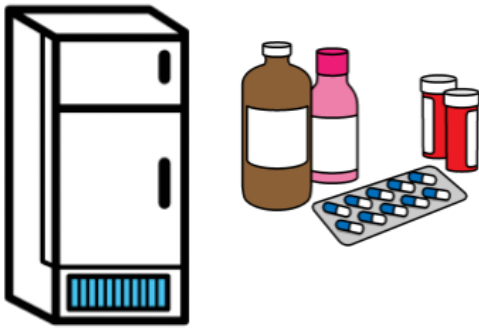
The ASL shelter will test this out first.



- There will be at least 4 beds or cots for people with disabilities who need them.



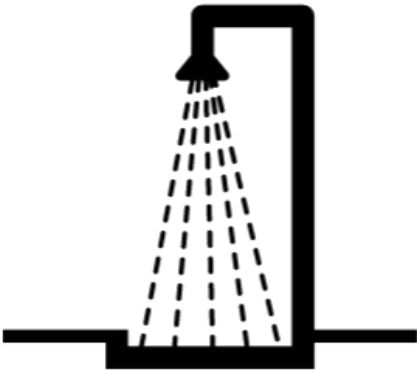
- People with disabilities will be able to plug in electrical equipment for their disability.



- There will be fridges to put medicine in.



- People with disabilities will be able to leave or enter the ASL shelter if they need to. Staff will say how this will work.



The ASL shelter will put up rules about using the bathroom. The rules will include support for people with disabilities.



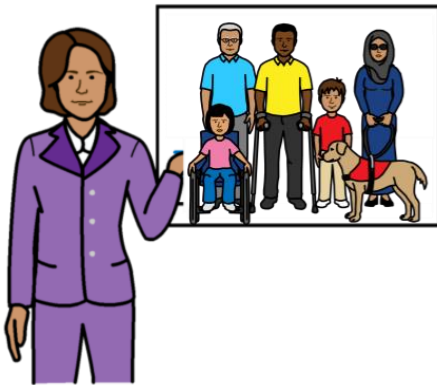
The City of Laguna Beach and the ASL shelter will help make it easier for people with disabilities to:

- Get into the ASL shelter
- Know if they can stay there overnight.



The ASL shelter will try out a new way of doing this.

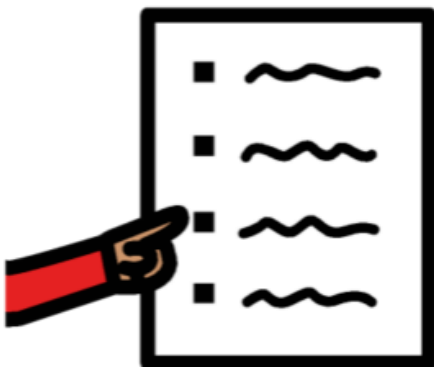
For example, there will be places at the ASL shelter for some people for up to 30 days. People may be able to stay longer.



Staff at the ASL shelter will still get training to help them support people with disabilities.

The ASL shelter will still have a case manager who will work with people to try to get the support they need.

The ASL will do this if it gets enough money for this work.



The ASL shelter will change its rules about:

- People's rights and the things they must do if they stay at the shelter.
- How people who were kicked out of the shelter for good can get back in.



The ASL shelter will have clear rules about who will have to leave the shelter for bad behavior.

People with disabilities will only have to leave because of their disability if they put other people in danger or use illegal drugs.



If someone has to leave the ASL shelter it will be written down. The person who leaves will get a copy of this.

The ASL shelter will post all these rules so people can see them.

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The Laguna Beach police

Some police staff who work with groups of people in Laguna Beach will:

- Keep up to date with the disabilities that people who are homeless may have.

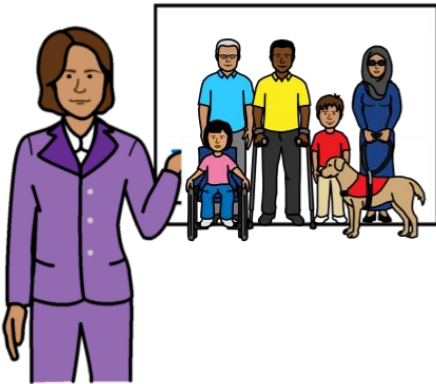




- Work with the ADA coordinator. This person works to make services easy for people with disabilities to use.



- Help people with disabilities know what to do if they want to make a complaint.



The City of Laguna Beach will look at other training for police officers.



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Transport

The van that takes people with disabilities to and from the ASL shelter will have a ramp or lift.

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Jobs and work

The City of Laguna Beach will post any jobs they have open at the ASL shelter so people can see them.



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People with disabilities who are homeless in Laguna Beach cannot go to court again about the same or similar issues.

This will only happen if the court says yes to the agreement.

To find out more or say you are not happy with this agreement



You can't get money from this agreement or court case.

But you can find out more or say you are unhappy with the agreement.



You can look at this website for more information:

<http://aclusocal.org/glover>



The website will give you:

- A list of lawyers working for people with disabilities in this court case.
- A copy of the whole agreement for this court case.
- The date that the court will meet to look at the agreement.



To ask questions about the agreement you can:

Call this number and leave a message:

714-221-2788



Send a letter to:

Glover Plaintiffs' Class Counsel
c/o ACLU of Southern California
1313 West 8th Street
Los Angeles CA 90017



Or send an email to:

Glover_Laguna@aclusocal.org



If you are happy with the agreement you don't have to do anything.



If you are not happy with the agreement:

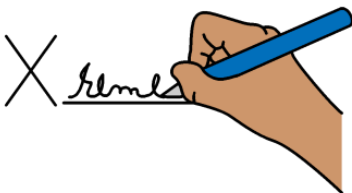
You must put something in writing to say which parts you don't agree with and why.



You must do this by: **September 17, 2018**

You must also include:

- Your name
- Your address if you have one
- Your phone number if you have one
- The name of this court case. It is called **Glover v. Laguna Beach.**



You must sign your name on your paper.



Please mail your paper to:

Glover Class Counsel
c/o ACLU of Southern California
1313 West 8th Street
Los Angeles CA 90017



Your paper will be seen by the judge
and some lawyers working on the case.

If the court says yes to the agreement,
then it will happen. You can't change it.



What happens next?

The court will meet to decide if the
agreement will happen on **November 5,
2018**

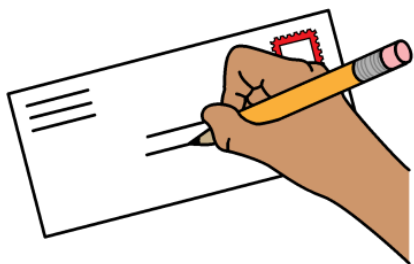


This date may change.

There will be information about the date
on the websites we gave you before.



Some people who are unhappy with the agreement may be able to speak at the meeting if the court agrees.



The court address is:

U.S. Federal District Court, Courtroom 10 D
411 West 4th Street
Santa Ana
CA 92701-4516