

DDC September 2026 Monthly Update

Hello everyone, we hope September has been good for you so far! Here are a handful of updates for you all:

- **Please take the 2027 Legislative Priorities Survey by the end of the day, Monday 9/14.** As you know, the Public Policy Committee has been working on your 2027 Council Legislative Priorities. We will discuss and vote on these at the October meeting. In preparation for the meeting, we have created a draft Legislative Priorities document, that has been put into a survey for format: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/0bf73pgpYZ>. Please review each section of the draft priorities and leave your comments. Also, if you are interested in talking about a certain section of the priorities in the upcoming video, let us know.
- **Development Day plans:** As you know, Tuesday, October 14th will be our annual in-person Development Day at the Little Creek Casino. We have invited our DD Network Partners, the UW's Institute on Human Development and Disability, Disability Rights Washington and Allies in Advocacy to join us for that day. Our goal is to have you all leave with more information about how those partners contribute to the DD community, how the Council is collaborating with them, and ideas for what we can do together in the future. We will also do bit of work on our 5 Year State Plan that we are waiting for our federal partners to approve. It should be a fun and interesting day. Please let us know if there's anything more, we can do to help you participate.
- **Public Disclosure:** DDC staff recently discussed public disclosure rules with Commerce staff and realized we should be more specific with you all about that topic. Please know that all communication, such as email between Council members and/or Council staff may be subject to public disclosure laws and rules. This means that if you are emailing with another council member or a DDC staff person, that email could be shared with someone from the public if a request is made. We want to be sure you know about this since it may not be obvious. We have three different pieces of information around this topic on the Members Orientation page on our website [here](#):
 - Sunshine Law Training: Explains the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act, and how these laws apply to the Council.
 - Ethics Training: Covers the guidelines and principles Council members need to follow while serving on the Council.
 - ITACC Guide: Explains the roles and responsibilities of being a Council member.Please reach out if you have questions or want to talk through any of this information.
- **July Council Meeting Minutes:** have been posted [here](#)

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Alright everyone, we are excited to see you all in a bit more than a month from now. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns with any of this information. Thanks very much!

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