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Agency: GOVERNORS COMMITTEE PEOPLE DISABILITIES

First Name: Steve

Last Name: Baldwin

Title: Former president of the Texas Association of the Deaf (Est. 1886)

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Association of the Deaf

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I wholeheartedly the Gov.'s Committee on People with Disabilities.

This wonderful committee represents Texans with disabilities who need to be recognized for their achievements and being functional members of society.

The annual Barbara Jordan awards event puts everyone in the forefront when it comes to positive and constructive information from the media. Almost 12% of the Texas population have disabilities and they are basically unserved and unemployed. Therefore, we definitely need this said committee to offer us hope, fairness and a voice.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The committee needs to have satellite offices in major cities.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Cecelia Hartley](#)  
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-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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Agency: GOVERNORS COMMITTEE PEOPLE DISABILITIES

First Name: Dr. Steve

Last Name: Baldwin

Title: Former president of the Texas Association of the Deaf (Est. 1886)

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Association of the Deaf

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: My comments are related to Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. Ever since I arrived in Texas in 1980, I have heard about the wonderful things about TX GCOPWD. I had the pleasure of knowing Virginia Roberts and Pat Pound, erstwhile executive directors. The current office has a staff just as wonderful. I'll never forget the opportunity of meeting the late great Barbara Jordan via her annual namesake awards, which is presented yearly. The Barbara Jordan Media Awards event has proven to the country that Texas does care for his special population, which represents about 11.5% of the state population (Source:2011 ACS microdata). From my personal perspective, GCOPWD has encouraged and supported my historical documentation of Erasmus "Deaf" Smith, hero of the Battle of San Jacinto. Please keep the said Committee as is, plus approve its request for his budgetary needs for the next two years and more. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My new recommendation is to add a few more staff positions since the needs of people with disabilities in general, and Deaf people in particular, are known to be grossly underserved for the last many years.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree