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The City of Houston's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) was created by city ordinance in 1993. Our primary mission is to serve as **advocates** for the rights and needs of citizens with disabilities; **liaisons** between the mayor, city council, city departments and other public and private entities on matters pertaining to people with disabilities; **educators** regarding communication and physical accessibility initiatives; physical and attitudinal **barrier identifiers and removers** at all levels of City government and throughout the greater Houston metropolitan area.

MOPD staff serves on advisory boards and commissions and participates in venues which bring resources and positive legislative changes regarding issues affecting the community of citizens with disabilities. MOPD administers the following programs:

## CARE

(Citizens Accessibility Resources for Empowerment)

The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities empowers citizens by opening communication barriers and providing access to resources which may provide short or long term resolution. We investigate complaints and assist agencies, organizations, and City departments with information necessary to help citizens with disabilities.

Citizens with disabilities call MOPD with inquiries regarding - parking, employment, transportation, landlord and tenant issues, basic needs (food, clothing, safety), safe sidewalks, and housing (accessible, affordable, public, general shelter, home ownership, repair).

## PAR

(Pedestrian Accessibility Review)

This program, administered in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Engineering, provides sidewalk, and curb cut installation. A citizen is considered eligible to participate in the PAR Program when there is **no accessible path of travel** to:

- **Grocery. Pharmacy**
- **Vehicle**
- **Job**
- **Clinic. Doctor's Office or Hospital**
- **School or Church**
- **Bank, Credit Union**
- **Bus Stop, Metro-lift**



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