


**RESOLUTION NO. 3051**

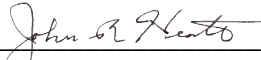
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Salisbury, Maryland that the following individual is appointed to the Disability Advisory Committee, for the term ending as indicated.

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Term Ending</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Dominique Sessa | August 2023        |

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on August 10, 2020.


ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols  
CITY CLERK

  
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John R. Heath  
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS

17 day of August, 2020

  
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Julia Glanz, City Administrator, for and  
with the authority of Jacob R. Day, Mayor



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Julia Glanz, City Administrator  
**From:** Julie English, Administrative Assistant III  
**Subject:** Appointment to the Disability Advisory Committee  
**Date:** August 17, 2020

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The following person has applied for appointment to the Disability Advisory Committee for the term ending as indicated:

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Term Ending</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Dominique Sessa | August 2023        |

Attached you will find information from Dominique Sess and the resolution necessary for her appointment. If you approve of this appointment, I will forward this information to the City Council so it may be placed on their agenda for the next Council meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attachments

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July 8, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I have been a full-time wheelchair user since I was 17. I have a progressive NMD (neuromuscular disease). It's a broad classification that encompasses many disorders such as ALS and or muscle dystrophy as an example. My exact disorder is not technically known due to my gene anomaly not being identified yet.

As my disability progressed, it's taught me how important it is to fight for those in the disabled community who don't have a way to use their voice. To me, I think advocacy is being an example of what you wish to see happen in your own local community as well for a broader, more future oriented picture. Change happens when you make those changes and push towards them.

Many disabled people are not only just members of our disabled community, but also people of color, members of the LGBTQ\* community, and live below poverty level due to SSI. I think it's important to celebrate the diversity of disabled people. It's something that I feel passionate about.

I firmly believe that being conscious in our choices to diversify our roles, to work for accessibility, and against ableism are critical in the conversation for moving Salisbury forward. I hope to learn with fellow disabled members of my community. It's an immensely exciting prospect that I never imagined!

I love Salisbury and it's why I care. I have such passion for this community and making it a better place. I want it to become a city that's accessible for all, especially those who rely on accessibility features like me.

Thank you.

Warmest wishes,

Dominique Sessa

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### Summary

I have background in local community work, volunteerism, and advocacy work. My disability and local community work are both central to my life. Some of my most helpful skill-sets have been utilizing digital platforms to foster knowledge on accessibility and being familiarized with local organizing. Seeking to apply my volunteerism skill-sets and advocacy work to this Committee.

### Relevant Experience

#### The Girl in the Pink Wheelchair — 2012

I founded this for disabled women and girls to share their voices, stories etc. Through this platform, I've been able to share my own writing, fundraisers for those in the disabled community, and make content that's relevant to issues affecting disabled people. I founded this organization because I believe that issues affecting disabled women are especially important. As someone with a physical disability and dependent on a mobility aid, I find it immensely important for there to be positive advocates and platforms.

#### Delmarva COVID-19 Crafters & Volunteers — 2020

In March of 2020, I created a PPE local grassroots organization after We are now the largest PPE Drive on the Eastern Shore. We're also a regional affiliate of "Get Us PPE (*the largest PPE org*)" and a regional affiliate of Open Source Medical Supplies.

#### Vulnerable Population Taskforce — 2020

I have been an active member of Salisbury's Vulnerable Population Taskforce since its creations. Some of the things that I have worked with on the Taskforce have been supplying PPE, using some of my graphic design skills, and fostering conversation that fosters an intersectional definition of "accessible."

### Skills

Familiarized with using accessible language on digital media; i.e. Image Descriptions, proficient with digital resources such as social media and graphic design, intermediate level of Italian, creative, organized

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