

## **Draft Inclusion Policy**

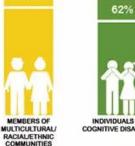
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### Introduction

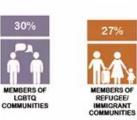
### PARKS FOR INCLUSION

Removing barriers so that all people have an equal opportunity to enjoy the benefits of parks and recreation. Park and recreation agencies offer programming and activities for many community members, including:











5 AGENCIES HAVE A 6 FORMAL INCLUSION POLICY THAT ENSURES ALL MEMBERS OF A COMMUNITY CAN ACCESS AND ENJOY ALL THAT PARKS AND RECREATION HAS TO OFFER





# Why does inclusion matter?

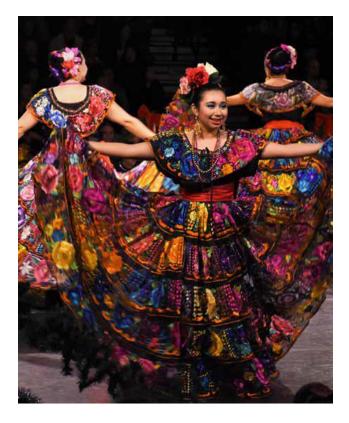
- Ensures everyone has access to the benefits of parks & recreation
- Emphasis on reaching those historically marginalized
  - Racial & ethnic minorities
  - Individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities

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- Those who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community
- New Americans (refugees & immigrants)

## Why does inclusion matter?

#### EQUITY + INCLUSION = A VIBRANT COMMUNITY







# What is exclusion?

- Communication
- Community Engagement
- Physical
- Programmatic
- Social
- Transportation



# Why is a policy important?

- Provides guidance about how to achieve goals
- Sets clear expectations for staff and community members
- Provides framework for clear and consistent action and reaction
- Holds organizations accountable for their decisions and actions
- Supports sustainability and long-term change

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## Key components of our draft policy

- Policy Goals
- Staff Training
- Organizational Support
- Environmental Support
- Continuous Measurement and Improvement
- Resources
- Glossary



### Questions

