

Commission on Disability Issues

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This is an official opinion of the Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) put forth at the CODI meeting of January 23, 2008. CODI members and visitors with disabilities have found the Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC) 18th floor restrooms to be very difficult – sometimes impossible -- to enter and exit without assistance. This is caused by the two doors leading to the restrooms, which are very difficult to open for persons with mobility impairments.

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Requesting that the County install a device that will allow users to open the 18th floor men's and women's restroom doors with the touch of a button. Requesting also that appropriate signage be installed on all other floors of the SPCC indicating that the 18th floor restrooms are equipped with automatic door openers, thus giving people with disabilities a choice of restrooms to use.

Whereas: People with disabilities have expressed difficulties entering and exiting the 18th floor SPCC restrooms, often needing to wait for others to assist them with opening the doors.

Whereas: CODI has its monthly meetings in the conference rooms located on the 18th floor.

Whereas: GSA has previously installed an automatic door opener at the 12th floor SPCC women's restroom. This has proven to be an effective and affordable reasonable accommodation for an employee of Miami-Dade County.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved: That CODI requests that the County install automatic door openers at the men's and women's restrooms on the 18th floor, along with accompanying signage at the restrooms on the other floors of the SPCC.