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Date: March 12, 2025

To: Mayor Christi Fraga  
Vice Mayor Maureen Porras  
Councilwoman Digna Cabral  
Councilman Rafael Pineyro

From: Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso

Subject: **Recommendations to Improve Special Needs Programs and Events**

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## Introduction

This memorandum seeks the City Council's support to direct and authorize Councilwoman Reinoso to collaborate with the City Manager's Office in proposing improvements to the events for the special needs community. These enhancements will prioritize Doral special needs residents by ensuring consistency and regularity in event scheduling.

## Background

The City of Doral plays a crucial role in providing valuable programs and events that promote social engagement, inclusion, and well-being for Doral's special needs residents. However, some programs and activities are not offered consistently enough, limiting opportunities for social interaction, skill development, and community building. These challenges underscore the need to revise the policies governing the special needs community to better reflect the needs and priorities of Doral residents.

## Recommendation

To address these issues, I recommend that the City Manager's Office, in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department, work to schedule all remaining major special needs events and programs for the rest of the year. This proactive scheduling will provide families with ample time to plan and participate. Additionally, I suggest expanding existing programs and introducing new activities based on community feedback and participation trends to ensure greater accessibility and engagement for Doral's special needs community. By prioritizing activities with

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historically high participation and increasing their frequency or offering sessions at various times, we can better accommodate diverse schedules and needs. These adjustments will significantly enhance the city's offerings for the special needs community and align with the City of Doral's commitment to fostering inclusivity, social well-being, and a sense of belonging among all residents.