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Hello my name is Shellie Lemelin 9 Western Ave Dover, NH

Imagine 1989 in Washington, DC being among 500 plus people, and being wheeled by your personal care attendant 5 miles in the rain from one of the Legislative Office Building to the White House chanting "equal access for US all" and "when do we want it" ? "We want it NOW " and lastly " Where is BUSH !!! " I was one of those 500 people marching, an United States citizens advocating for change, not just physical change, more importantly Attitudinal change across the United States.

I would like to pose a question, How many citizens in Dover, NH know about the American with Disability Act that was signed into law on July 26, 1990. and how many can give an example of improvement on accessibility within our city of Dover, NH ?

Places like restaurants, transportation, parks and recreations, schools, the fine arts, banks, anywhere a person who is a paying citizen, women, children or men.

Physical changes : Sign language for patrons who have hearing losses, Braille menus for the Blind and allowing service dogs, Ramps for people who use power wheelchairs or manual push wheelchairs, which can be helpful for elderly patrons who use roll walkers as well.

Establishments that includes training on how to communicate with people with Mental illness and or Autism, or Developmental Learning Disabilities and deaf and hard of hearing - sign language.

I would imagine most people have not given it a lot of thought. Here we are 30 years later .. what has improved and what has stayed the same ?

I would like to propose either a survey or a sub committee to answer these questions and report it before the end of the year of 2020 by the Dover NH City Council .

Thank you.

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