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## **Disability Unscripted: 2020 Candidates on Inclusion & Accessibility Transcript of Julian Castro: Concord, NH July 19, 2019**

<https://drcnh.org/videos/julian-castro-video-campaign-inclusion-and-accessibility/>

**DRC-NH Staff #1:** With one in five Americans experiencing a disability, what are you doing within your campaign to employ people with disabilities, and what would you do in your administration, and then what are you doing to make sure your campaign's accessible?

**Julian Castro:** Thanks a lot for the question. You know, after the debate we've begun to staff up and so we're absolutely looking for individuals with disabilities to be a part of our campaign team. In the meantime, we're also trying to do what we can to make sure that, for instance, when we would use video out there as part of the campaign that we have captions so that people who are hearing impaired are able to follow along.

We will look for every opportunity that we can to be inclusive, both in terms of the campaign team and also how people access our website and access the material that we put out.

**DRC-NH Staff #1:** Thank you.

**DRC-NH Staff #2:** And then could you just talk about if in your administration, how you would include people with disabilities if you're elected?

**JC:** Yeah. So, I'm committed to making sure that the diversity of our administration includes individuals with disabilities because I think that they have a very important perspective to lend to policymaking. And you know, we did that at HUD. I would do that as President.

When I was mayor of San Antonio, we were working on things as simple and straightforward, but important as making sure that our sidewalks and other infrastructure was ADA accessible. So in every single way we're gonna make sure that there's representation and we make the investments in accessibility and that we work to remove the stigma that too often times still accompanies disability.

**DRC-NH Staff #2:** Thank you.

**JC:** Thank you.

*Candidate video fades out to informational slide*

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