

City Hall installs hearing loop

A hearing loop system was recently added to the City Council Chambers at Ojai City Hall to make it easier for people with hearing aids to hear discussions in the chamber.

A hearing loop is an assistive listening system that sends clear, pure sound directly to hearing aids that are equipped with an enabled T-coil. Users must visit their hearing professional (where they purchased the hearing aid) for a free-of-charge T-coil activation. For those who don't have hearing aids, there are headset receivers available.

A hearing loop takes sound straight from the city's sound system and delivers it right into the listener's hearing aid without extraneous noise or blurring. It turns hearing aids into wireless

earphones that broadcast sound customized for their hearing loss, city officials said.

All the user needs to do is switch his or her hearing aid to the "T," telephone, or hearing loop program. Again, to activate the program, only the press of a button on the hearing aid or cochlear implant is needed.

Please note: those who are unsure if their hearing aid has a T-coil or if it has been enabled should see their hearing professional to find out. Hearing aids need to be programmed to access this technology.

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