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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT on PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS - Bill Hecker, AIA
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Proposed Building Standard

Title 24 Part #: Part 2
Section #: 2 - Definitions
Proposing State Agency: Housing & Community Development Item 1 and Division of State Architect Item 2.09
This comment is intended for review during: 45-Day Comment Period

Your recommendation based on the criteria of Health and Safety Code Section 18930(a):
Approve

In support of your recommendation above, provide the rationale based on the criteria of Health and Safety Code Section 18930(a). If you recommend anything other than approve, cite the criteria in your comment. If you oppose a proposed building standard, offer a solution or alternative for the state agency to consider.

I write in strong support of DSA and HCD's joint proposal to amend the "public housing" definition in Chapter 2 of California Building Standards Code. As I understand it, this proposal would bring the California Building Code into compliance with federal statutes including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The proposed amendments to the "public housing definition" (HCD Item 1 and DSA Item 2.09) clarify longstanding federal requirements for accessible housing development. The changes track federal language and explicitly reference federal regulations to minimize confusion for the code user. The proposal also provides a note for even more clarity for code users. This will lead to greater compliance statewide with federal accessibility requirements and result in more affordable housing accessible to people with disabilities in California.

9 Point Criteria Info:
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