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Subject: Building Standards Commission Meeting - Proposed CBC Ch. 11B Code Amendments - I support the position of Disability Rights California
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Dear Building Standards Commission:

I've used a power wheelchair since 1990, and full-time since 1996. I'm a retired business lawyer. I'm very concerned about accessible housing. My wife and I are fortunate to own and live in a flat in San Francisco, which we've made accessible by installing a small elevator, modifying the bathroom and kitchen, and implementing other access features. Doing this has taken considerable effort, energy, ingenuity and money, and has involved some good luck. I know just how rare accessible housing is in California, and especially how difficult it is to find affordable accessible housing. The ADA was passed almost 30 years ago, yet not nearly enough progress has been made on accessible housing, especially affordable/subsidized housing. Building standards for access should be strengthened, not weakened.

Please address the lack of proper procedure and the abridgement of public participation in the development of proposed standards to provide accessible housing for persons with disabilities and to bring California building standards into compliance with federal law. I support the position taken by Disability Rights California regarding the important proposed access standards for housing which were deleted after being approved the Division of the State Architect's Access Code Collaborative and the CA Building Standards Commission Access Advisory Committee.

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Sincerely

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