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Via Email to cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

California Building Standards Commission
Attention: Mia Marvelli, Executive Director
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Re: California Building Standards Commission – Proposed CBC Amendments

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on proposed amendments to the Access Code. I am writing on behalf of Brilliant Corners to express strong support for the joint HCD/DSA proposed amendments in HCD Item 1 Sec. 202 – “Public Housing” and DSA Item 2.09 Ch. 2 Sec. 202 – “Public Housing”.

Brilliant Corners is a nonprofit supportive housing provider focused on innovative strategies to scale supportive housing for vulnerable, extremely low-income Californians, including but not limited to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and those transitioning from health care and other institutional settings. In partnership with public health agencies and managed care plans, the VA, California’s developmental services system, and homeless response systems, we’ve enabled about 10,000 people to access and maintain housing that’s both affordable and enriched by appropriate supportive services. We are best known for scaling innovative strategies to access existing housing resources available on the housing market – but across each of our programs, our greatest challenge is to find accessible housing. There simply aren’t enough accessible units available to meet the need.

There are laws that require this type of affordable, accessible housing. The proposal to change the definition of “public housing” will clarify those laws in the Building Code. This will lead to more accessible housing in California. For people with disabilities, that means they can find housing they can afford and that will have the features they need to live a self-sufficient life in my community.

I fully support the comments submitted by Disability Rights California. And I urge the Commission to adopt these changes to make affordable, accessible housing available to our clients/people like me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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