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**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT on PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS - Salena Chow, Chief Operating Officer  
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Proposed Building Standard

Title 24 Part #: Part 5  
Section #: Chapter 4, Sections 422.1.1 and 422.2  
Proposing State Agency: CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION, DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, and OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
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.

CDSS submits this comment in support of proposed amendments to the Building Standards Code at sections 422.1.1 and 422.2 of Title 24, Part 5 of the California Code of Regulations, which would allow state departments to meet restroom requirements through the use of multi-user, all-gender restrooms in lieu of, or in addition to, single sex restrooms, subject to requirements that would ensure the physical privacy of users. CDSS commends this effort to increase departments' inclusivity by affording departments the ability to ensure a welcoming environment in which all employees and members of the public are supported in their most basic needs.

9 Point Criteria Info:

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