

## **Division of the State Architect Access Code Collaborative – Seeking Members**

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) is happy to announce that it is seeking 13 qualified individuals to serve on its new Access Code Collaborative (ACC), a standing body of diverse, representative stakeholders who will assist DSA with the regulatory process related to proposed amendments to the accessibility provisions of the California Building Code.

The ACC will work cooperatively with the DSA to offer input and feedback regarding amendments to the accessibility regulations of the California Building Code; recommend amendments to DSA that address the diverse needs of Code Beneficiaries (people who need an accessible environment) and Code Users (people who design, build, own, operate or regulate the built environments); and identify opportunities to inform stakeholder constituent groups about the code development process and encourage participation in DSA's regulatory activities.

Applications for individuals interested in serving on the ACC, or nominations for individuals to serve on the ACC, are being accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Information regarding desired stakeholder representation, expectations, and qualifications can be found on the DSA's [Access Code Collaborative webpage](#). Qualified individuals can submit an application, or be nominated for a position by another, by completing the online form: [Access Code Collaborative Application/Nomination Form](#). Those who are selected to serve on the ACC will be required to attend a two-day orientation and training on Oct 30-31, 2017. The ACC will meet for regular business for the first time in December, 2017. More information about the schedule is provided in the UCDE summary report and the application/nomination form.

Selection of individuals for the ACC will occur in mid-September. DSA has asked the Department of Rehabilitation and the California Commission on Disability Access to assist in the selection process. Once selected individuals are confirmed, DSA will announce the new ACC members, share individual biographies, and provide other useful information about the ACC.

DSA announced its intentions for the creation of the ACC in June 2017 with an email that invited input through an online survey. UC Davis Extension Collaboration Center (UCDE), hired to assist DSA in this process, conducted the online survey in June 2017 and received 250 completed surveys. Additionally, UCDE conducted 26 telephone interviews involving 29 individuals in June and July, 2017. Both the survey and the interviews invited individual reaction to and advice about creating the ACC. We are grateful to everyone who completed our survey or participated in an interview. The information gathered was rich and has helped DSA shape its plans for the ACC. This formation will continue to be useful as we move forward.

Results of the online survey and the interviews are summarized in the report titled [UCDE Summary of Online Survey and Interview Findings](#), available online. We encourage you to take a look at UCDE's summary report of the survey and interview results.

Thank you for your continuing interest in DSA's efforts to engage the public in regulatory process to improve the accessibility regulations of the California Building Code.

If you know of a person or organization that may be interested in this announcement, please share our email with them.

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