

# CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER NOTICE NOVEMBER 21, 2008

Existing law permits the California Building Standards Commission (Commission) to appoint from design professions, the building and construction industry, the affected general public, and interested government agencies, appropriate advisory panels to advise the commission, itself, and its staff. Persons appointed to such panels shall be specifically qualified in the type of work addressed by the building standards in question. Such persons shall serve without compensation, but may receive actual necessary travel expenses.

In response to AB 47 (Stats. 1991, c. 865), the Commission will be reconstituting the six advisory bodies in their entirety, appointing new members for the 2009 – 2011 annual code adoption cycles of the California Building Standards Code. The advisory panels and their composition are as follows:

## **1. Accessibility Committee**

- A. Ex-Officio Member(s)
  - (1) State Agency Representative(s)
- B. Voting Members
  - (1) Disability Access Advocate Knowledgeable In - Visually Impaired
  - (2) Disability Access Advocate Knowledgeable In - Hearing Impaired
  - (3) Disability Access Advocate Knowledgeable In - Mobility Impaired
  - (4) Disability Access Advocate Knowledgeable In – Environmental Health Network or other Cognitively Impaired
  - (5) Local Government Building Official
  - (6) Construction Industry
  - (7) Architect
  - (8) Fire Official
  - (9) Public Member
  - (10) University of California

## **2. Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, and Energy Committee**

- A. Ex-Officio Member(s)

- (1) State Agency Representative(s)
- B. Voting Members
  - (1) Local Government Building Official
  - (2) Environmental/Energy Organization
  - (3) Construction Industry
  - (4) Architect
  - (5) Fire Official
  - (6) Public Member
  - (7) Energy Consultant
  - (8) Mechanical Engineer
  - (9) Electrical Engineer
  - (10) University of California

**3. Building, Fire, and Other Committee**

- A. Ex-Officio Member(s)
  - (1) State Agency Representative(s)
- B. Voting Members
  - (1) Local Government Building Official
  - (2) Registered Fire Protection Engineer
  - (3) Construction Industry
  - (4) Architect
  - (5) Commercial Building Industry
  - (6) Fire Official
  - (7) Disability Access Advocate
  - (8) University of California

**4. Structural Design/Lateral Forces Committee**

- A. Ex-Officio Member(s)
  - (1) State Agency Representative(s)
- B. Voting Members
  - (1) Three (3) Structural Engineers
  - (2) Architect
  - (3) General Contractor
  - (4) Local Government Building Official
  - (5) Public Member

**5. Health Facilities Committee**

- A. Ex-Officio Member(s)
  - (1) State Agency Representative(s)
- B. Voting Members

- (1) Acute Care Hospital Representative
- (2) Skilled Nursing Facility Representative
- (3) Architect
- (4) General Contractor
- (5) Mechanical Engineer
- (6) Electrical Engineer
- (7) Fire Protection Engineer
- (8) Local Government Building Official
- (9) Primary Care or Specialty Clinic Representative
- (10) University of California

**6. Green Building Committee**

- A. Ex-Officio Member(s)
  - (1) State Agency Representative(s)
- B. Voting Members
  - (1) Construction Industry Representative
  - (2) Commercial Building Industry Representative
  - (3) Architect
  - (4) Environmental Organization
  - (5) Local Government Building Official
  - (6) Public Member, e.g. energy/building performance specialist
  - (7) Fire Official
  - (8) Mechanical Engineer
  - (9) Electrical Engineer

Incumbents will be responsible for reviewing code changes and their justifications submitted by state agencies for adoption by the Commission. The product of the review will be a recommendation to the Commission as to the action to be taken on each code change submittal. The recommended action shall be to approve, approve-as-amended, disapprove, or further study. The recommended action must also include a reason, which shall be based upon whether the proposed code change is justified in terms of criteria specified in Health and Safety Code Section 18930. The criteria are as follows:

1. The proposed building standards does/do not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate other building standards.
2. The proposed building standard is/is not within the parameter established by enabling legislation and is not expressly within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.
3. The public interest does/does not require the adoption of the building standards.
4. The proposed building standard is/is not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair or capricious, in whole or in part.

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5. The cost to the public is/is not reasonable based on the overall benefit to be derived from the building standards.
6. The proposed building standard is/is not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.
7. The applicable national specification, published standards, and model codes have/have not been incorporated therein as provided in this part, where applicable.
  - If a national specification, published standards, or model code does not adequately address the goals of the state agency, a statement defining the inadequacy shall accompany the proposed building standards when submitted to the Commission.
  - If there is not national specification, public standard, or model code that is relevant to the proposed building standard, the state agency shall prepare a statement informing the Commission and submit a statement with the proposed building standard.
8. The format of the proposed building standards is/is not consistent with that adopted by the Commission.
9. The proposed building standard, if it promotes fire and panic safety, as determined by the State Fire Marshal, has/has not the written approval of the State Fire Marshal.

Interested parties wishing to be considered must submit an application by December 29, 2008; there is no application form. Submit applications to Erika Keeler, California Building Standards Commission, 2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130, Sacramento, California 95833. Applications must include the following information:

- Name of nominee;
- Name of organization being represented;
- Address and telephone number of nominee;
- Committee(s) and position(s) to which appointment is desired; and
- Summary of qualifications.

Applicants need to be cognizant of potential or perceived conflicts of interest when contemplating Code Advisory Committee membership. Conflicts of interest may impact an applicant's ability to serve on a particular committee or in a particular position on a committee. They may also impact an applicant's ability to vote on various issues before a committee. If you have any questions regarding conflict of interest, visit the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) conflict of interest presentation at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/06COI/RhonertParkPresentation.pdf>, or call FPPC's toll-free number at (866) 275-3772, to help you make your own determination. If you have any other questions regarding this notice, you may contact Jane Taylor by telephone at (916) 263-0916 or by email at [jane.taylor@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:jane.taylor@dgs.ca.gov).