



June 2, 2004

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Dear Name:

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) seeks persons interested in serving on an ad hoc committee to evaluate detectable warnings and directional surfaces.

Detectable warnings (truncated domes) are installed on pedestrian walking surfaces and alert those who are blind or visually impaired to the presence of hazards in the path of travel. Directional surfaces (textures) are installed on pedestrian walking surfaces at transit boarding platforms and identify the locations of pedestrian access (doors) at transit vehicles for those who are blind or visually impaired. Detectable warnings and directional surfaces are required by the California Building Code.

The DSA, with the assistance of Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), will establish the Evaluation of Detectable Warnings Advisory Committee (EDWAC) to develop a report of recommendations for the proposed test standard for the evaluation of detectable warnings and directional surfaces. Such recommendations will be generated by the EDWAC along with the consideration of public input. The recommendations will include proposed product test criteria to be considered by the DSA for rulemaking in order to create an independent entity evaluation and certification program for detectable warnings and directional surfaces as indicated in California Government Code Section 4460. The evaluation and certification program ensures that such products conform to the architectural design standards as set forth in the California Building Standards Code (CBSC), and meet durability and degradation criteria yet to be established.

Expectations of the EDWAC members include:

1. Review and analyze public input;
2. Attend and participate in all EDWAC meetings at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Santa Clara, California office (3-6 meetings anticipated, from August 2004 - February 2005); and,
3. Assist in drafting recommendations and address comments.

If you are interested in participating on the committee, please complete the enclosed questionnaire. You can also forward this letter and questionnaire to individuals/organizations that you feel should participate. Your response will assist DSA in selecting a balanced committee with relevant experience to effectively contribute in committee deliberations.

A concise response is encouraged; however, additional sheets may be added. UL staff will contact you directly if clarification is needed. Please mail or fax the signed and dated questionnaire by June 18, 2004 to:

**Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
Standards Department
1655 Scott Boulevard
Santa Clara, CA 95050-4169
Attention: Esther Espinoza
Fax: (408) 556-6045**

If you express interest in participating on the EDWAC and are not selected, please note that the committee meetings will be conducted under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act which governs public meetings. Announcements of all upcoming EDWAC meetings will be available soon on the DSA website at: <http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov>

For questions, please contact Jeffrey W. Barnes at (714) 223-3606, or email at: jeffrey.w.barnes@us.ul.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephan Castellanos', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

STEPHAN CASTELLANOS, FAIA
State Architect
Division of the State Architect
Department of General Services

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Enclosure

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