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Office Use Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR THE NOTICE DATED MARCH 21, 2014**  
Written comments are to be sent to the above address.

**WRITTEN COMMENT DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2014**

Date: 04/25/2014

From: Eugene Lozano, Jr.

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Name (Print or type)

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(Signature)

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California Council of the Blind

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I/We (do)(**do not**) agree with:

[  ] The Agency proposed modifications As Submitted on Section No. 11B-411.2.1.2.5 Audio output

and request that this section or reference provision be recommended:

[  ] Approved [  ] Disapproved [  ] Held for Further Study [  ] Approved as Amended

**Suggested Revisions to the Text of the Regulations:**

**11B-411.2.1.2.5 Audio output.** Upon activation of the accessibility function button, the audio output shall provide verbal announcements, including but not limited to operating instructions including the presence and purpose of the (\*) and (-), user input confirmation, announcement of the elevator assignment characters, direction to the assigned elevator, and error messages. Audio output shall be recorded or digitized human speech, and shall be delivered through a loudspeaker. Auditory volume shall be at least 10 dB above ambient sound level, but shall not exceed 80 dB, measured 36 inches (915 mm) in front of the console. At hall call console locations where the ambient sound level varies, auditory volume shall be maintained at the required volume by an automatic gain control or shall be set at not less than 75 dB.

**Reason:** [The reason should be concise if the request is for “Disapproval,” “Further Study,” or “Approve As Amend” and identify at least one of the 9-point criteria (following) of Health and Safety Code §18930.]

All 11B-411 does not require that instructions given when the access button is pushed information regarding the presence and use of the star and minus signs on the keypad. A typical telephone keypad would have at the lower right corner a (#) sign and not a (-) sign which could cause confusion to someone who is not familiar with destination-based elevator controls. It is important for the safe and effective use of the elevator that there are instructions regarding the (\*) and (-) signs.

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## HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 18930

### SECTION 18930. APPROVAL OR ADOPTION OF BUILDING STANDARDS; ANALYSIS AND CRITERIA; REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS; FACTUAL DETERMINATIONS

- (a) Any building standard adopted or proposed by state agencies shall be submitted to, and approved or adopted by, the California Building Standards Commission prior to codification. Prior to submission to the commission, building standards shall be adopted in compliance with the procedures specified in Article 5 (commencing with Section 11346) of Chapter 3.5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. Building standards adopted by state agencies and submitted to the commission for approval shall be accompanied by an analysis written by the adopting agency or state agency that proposes the building standards which shall, to the satisfaction of the commission, justify the approval thereof in terms of the following criteria:
- (1) The proposed building standards do not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate other building standards.
  - (2) The proposed building standard is within the parameters established by enabling legislation and is not expressly within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.
  - (3) The public interest requires the adoption of the building standards.
  - (4) The proposed building standard is not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair, or capricious, in whole or in part.
  - (5) The cost to the public is reasonable, based on the overall benefit to be derived from the building standards.
  - (6) The proposed building standard is not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.
  - (7) The applicable national specifications, published standards, and model codes have been incorporated therein as provided in this part, where appropriate.
    - (A) If a national specification, published standard, or model code does not adequately address the goals of the state agency, a statement defining the inadequacy shall accompany the proposed building standard when submitted to the commission.
    - (B) If there is no national specification, published standard, or model code that is relevant to the proposed building standard, the state agency shall prepare a statement informing the commission and submit that statement with the proposed building standard.
  - (8) The format of the proposed building standards is 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 the written approval of the State Fire Marshal.