

**NOTICE OF FOCUS GROUP MEETING
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE,
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2,
CHAPTER 11A**

2024 TRIENNIAL CODE ADOPTION CYCLE

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is providing notice of a virtual focus group meeting on September 18, 2023, to seek feedback on changes to the 2025 California Building Standards Code, part 2, California Building Code (CBC), Chapter 11A (housing accessibility). The changes are proposed as part of the 2024 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle and will be effective January 1, 2026, if approved by the California Building Standards Commission.

Please submit comments on this rulemaking to Title24@hcd.ca.gov by September 11, 2023. Public comments received in advance will be discussed at the meeting held on:

September 18, 2023

(Virtual – Zoom)

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

(End time is an estimate; meeting may conclude earlier)

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Welcome by HCD
2. Focus Group Meeting Purpose and Format
3. Ground Rules:
 - a. Time limit is three minutes for each comment
 - b. Be respectful of others participating
 - c. Stay muted unless your name is called, or the phone line is opened for comments
 - d. Keep all comments and discussions related to the agenda items or topics
 - e. If you need help at any time, email Title24@hcd.ca.gov
4. Review and Discussion of DRAFT Proposed Changes to the 2025 California Building Code, Chapter 11A (this is a tentative list and may be subject to change). DRAFT Proposed Regulatory Text/Express Terms will be Displayed for Discussion During the Focus Group Meeting.

NOTE: You can find the current 2022 CBC regulatory text by visiting the [International Code Council's website](#), then navigate to the individual CBC chapters or sections identified below:

Item 1: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1101A.1 Scope, and Section 1102A.1

- The modification is for clarity only. There is no intended change in regulatory effect.

Item 2: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1101A.1 Scope

- HCD proposes to modify the above referenced existing California amendment.
- The modification is for clarity only. There is no intended change in regulatory effect.

Item 3: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1109A.2 Parking Facilities

- HCD proposes to modify the above referenced existing California amendment.
- HCD proposes to add the “electrical vehicle” as a new parking facility type.
- There is no intended change in regulatory effect.

Item 4: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1115A.6 Exterior stairway handrails

- This is an editorial change to correct an outdated reference.
- There is no intended change in regulatory effect.

Item 5: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1116A.1 Warning curbs.

- This is an editorial change to correct an outdated reference.
- There is no intended change in regulatory effect.

Item 6: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1122A.6 Edge protection.

- This is an editorial change to correct an outdated reference.
- There is no intended change in regulatory effect.

Item 7: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1123A.6 Interior stairway handrails.

- This is an editorial change to correct an outdated reference.
- There is no intended change in regulatory effect.

Item 8: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1125A.1 Warning curbs.

- This is an editorial change to correct an outdated reference.
- There is no intended change in regulatory effect.

Item 9: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1126A.5 Type of latch and lock.

- Due to continuous changes to section numbering throughout the code, HCD proposes to remove the reference to a specific section and just reference Chapter 10.
- There is no intended change in regulatory effect.
- The proposed amendment provides further clarity to the code user.

Item 10: Chapter 11A Housing Accessibility, Section 1143A.5 Visual characters.

- Due to continuous changes to section numbering throughout the code, HCD proposes to remove the reference to a specific section and just reference Chapter 10.
- There is no intended change in regulatory effect.
- The proposed amendment provides further clarity to the code user.

MEETING MATERIALS

- When available, additional meeting materials will be posted on the [HCD website](#), navigate to 2024 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle.

MEETING DETAILS

To reduce audio feedback or other technical issues, please join the meeting through one device only.

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)

Registration is required when participating in this focus group. Please have your contact information ready and follow the steps outlined online.

Or call in (audio only)

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Conference ID: 889 5092 2802

For each agenda “Item” number in topic number 4, the facilitator will take comments from online participants followed by phone participants. If you wish to make a comment

on a specific agenda item, please wait for the facilitator to ask for public comments from the online participants and then from phone participants. When called upon, please unmute your phone/device. When you are done speaking, please mute your phone/device.

The timekeeper will be monitoring the length of discussion to ensure that all participants stay within the three-minute time limit in order to ensure that every participant will have an opportunity to comment.

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 - Qualified interpreters.
 - Information written in other languages.
- Requests for accommodations for individuals with disabilities should be made to HCD no later than five working days prior to the day of the meeting. Requests can be made by email with “Reasonable Accommodation Request” in the subject line to the State Housing Law Program at Title24@hcd.ca.gov. Requests may also be made by telephone at 1-800-952-8356, choose 5, then 2.

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- Questions and concerns about the meeting agenda, comments about the proposed changes, or to request a copy of the meeting materials, please contact the State Housing Law Program at Title24@hcd.ca.gov.