
Mayor's Office on Disability



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Bureau of Street Use and Mapping
Department of Public Works, City and County of San Francisco
1155 Market Street, 4th Floor
San Francisco CA, 94013

Attention: Nick Elsner

Dear Nick,

I am writing in support of the Arts Commission's request for a major encroachment permit for the Bay View Opera House project on Newcomb Street at 3rd Street. The encroachment is for an accessible route to the porch and front entry of the City's building.

In partnership with the SF Arts Commission, the Mayor's Office on Disability is a co-sponsor of the Bay View Opera House ADA Barrier Removal and Improvement project. The project is an essential element in the City's efforts to meet its obligations for Title II ADA program access to its cultural arts facilities.

A key accessibility requirement is to provide wheelchair access through the facility's main entrance. This is accomplished with a new, near-level walkway, porch and stairs that are part of the encroachment into the sidewalk public right-of-way. An accessible main entrance to the building is dependent on this encroachment.

In addition to functioning as a joint project sponsor and providing capital funding, the Mayor's Office on Disability and I function as the project's designated ADA Coordinator. MOD conducted design guidance, plan checking and review of construction documents. MOD approved the final construction documents on December 26, 2013.

Thank you for your Department's consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Paul Scott".

John Paul Scott, AIA CASp

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