
Mayor's Disability Council



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Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: **BOS File No. 210934:** Building Code – Mandatory Disability Access Improvements for Places of Public Accommodation – Extension of Time Deadlines

The Mayor's Disability Council Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Support**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

The Mayor's Disability Council (MDC) recently held a public meeting where we discussed the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) proposal to extend the compliance deadline for the Accessible Business Entrance (ABE) program. We support the proposal to extend these deadlines by no more than two years because of the complications that have arisen due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The MDC supports DBI's commitment that this will be the final extension to program compliance requirements.

The MDC appreciates the importance of working with property owners, as well as small business owners, in making sure their properties and businesses are accessible to all. The reaction to the proposed extension among our community members has been positive.

The MDC and Mayor's Office on Disability will continue to work closely with the Department of Building Inspection, Public Works, Planning Department, Office of Small Business and all other relevant agencies, to increase the accessibility of San Francisco's small businesses, and to advise on program enforcement improvements, as appropriate.

Thank you for considering the Council's recommendation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Helen Smolinski,
Councilmember, on behalf of
Mayor's Disability Council

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