

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** i urge you to reverse your directive to change the building code to allow single staircases on apartment buildings up to six stories. This is an enormously important policy decision and a dangerous one. In the interest of expediting more housing it increases the risk to the lives of children, men and women who are in these buildings and puts at greater risk the lives of our brave firefighters, police officers and paramedics. Imagine, first responders trying to up the only stairway while those people fleeing the fire are trying to go down the same stairs without an alternative exit. We've been told how much improved are the building materials and about the wonders of the sprinkler systems, but these materials and systems are not fool proof. There will be fires in multi-story apartment buildings and this proposal reduces the chances of survival for the people trapped with only one exit. And. we live in earthquake country. The (only) stairway collapses, then come the gas fumes.... a fire... no exit. Would you want to be on the fourth or fifth floor of the building, or to know a family member, a friend, or for that matter, anyone stuck in that situation. Of course not. This proposal cries out to be defeated.