

***BIC Regular Meeting
of
February 14, 2023***

Agenda Item 8b

Access Appeals Commission (AAC)

The [AAC](https://sfdbi.org/access-appeals-commission) (<https://sfdbi.org/access-appeals-commission>) is a group created under [Section 105A.3](#) of the San Francisco Building Code (SFBC). It is composed of five members that are appointed by the Building Inspection Commission.

The purpose of the Access Appeals Commission is to hear written appeals brought by any person regarding actions taken by the Department of Building Inspection in the enforcement of the requirements for Access to Public Accommodations by Physically Handicapped Persons (Part 5.5, Sections 19955-59 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California), as well as action taken by the Department in the enforcement of the disabled access and adaptability provisions of this code.

Recently, the AAC has met infrequently, such that the time commitment for service is currently relatively low. Each member of the Commission is compensated \$125 for each meeting attended.

The AAC meets in the afternoon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month for approximately 2 to 3 hours.

To Whom It May Concern,

I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for the “Person Experienced in Construction Seat” of the Access Appeals Commission. As a General Contractor in San Francisco, I am aware of the challenges to attempt to make existing buildings accessible to those with disabilities since most of the buildings in San Francisco are over 60 years old and built prior to rigid ADA compliance building standards. However, based on personal experience, I understand the importance of having primary entrances and paths of travel accessible to all members of the community. My sister is permanently disabled, therefore it is important to me personally that she can independently and comfortably access the businesses and services that she needs.

I believe the Mandatory Disability Access Improvements Program and Accessible Business Entrance Program has helped to provide improved access to all residents. I also believe that DBI needs to continue to work with the small business community to navigate their concerns in order to improve upon the existing programs. By working together, we can assist both businesses and consumers the mutually beneficial aspect of providing access to everyone.

I feel that my knowledge of building standards and codes along with the ability to build relationships with property owners and small businesses qualifies me for this appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,
John Tostanoski

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Objective: A person experienced in Construction Seat for the Access Appeals Commission

Summary

Experienced General Contractor and Sheet Metal Journeyman with over 15 years in the trades. Extensive knowledge of methods, materials, and codes to ensure compliance of safety standards. Excellent ability to communicate and develop relationships. Community advocate and service-oriented.

Professional Experience

West Beam Construction
Owner: 2020- Present
License #1095115

Sheet Metal Journeyman - Specializing in Mechanical Construction
Anderson, Rowe, & Buckley Mechanical: August 2013- September 2021

Sheet Metal Apprentice
Anderson, Rowe, & Buckley Mechanical: June 2010- July 2013

Sheet Metal Worker Pre- Apprentice & Apprentice
Kent Lim & Company: October 2007- January 2010

Community Experience

Sheet Metal Workers 104 Campaign for Jobs 2007-2013

Education

Foothill College, Sheet Metal Workers Apprenticeship Program, 2008-2013
San Francisco State University, 2002