Public Comments for Agenda Item K Handed Out During May 29, 2019 LATC Meeting
To the LATC

RE: Item K for the 5-29-2019 Meeting

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Sincerely,

Stephanie V. Landregan, F.A.S.L.A

Director, UCLA Extension Landscape Architecture Program
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Melissa McDonald
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As a graduate of the UCLA/UNEX Landscape Architecture Certificate program, as a fellow (FASLA), and as the leading landscape architect for the City of Los Angeles Public Works and Bureau of Sanitation, I would like to see this program recognized so that other highly skilled working adults will have the same opportunity to join the profession as I did.

Deborah

Deborah Deets, FASLA
Landscape Architect QSP/QSD
DEAR LATC MEMBERS:

UPON REVIEW OF THE STAFF REPORT AND REVISED CCR 2620.5, AND REVIEW OF DCA LEGAL COMMENTS, UCLA EXTENSION’S LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM URGES APPROVAL AND SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS:

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Attention: Blake Clark (Blake.clark@dca.ca.gov)

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Dear LATC members:

Upon review of the staff report and revised CCR 2620.5, review of DCA Legal Comments, and as a UCLA Extension’s Landscape Architecture Program instructor as well as former LATC member and chair, I urge approval and support of the proposed changes with the following comments and possible amendments:

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Thank you for the time and consideration in setting the approval process for the Extension Programs. This is an invaluable program for those seeking to become landscape architects that cannot participate in a daytime-only university program. Graduates of this program who have become licensed landscape architects have had a significant impact on the quality of life in California in private firms and agency departments. I urge your support for a directed self-evaluation report.

Sincerely,

Steve Lang
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Francisco Behr

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Landscape Architects Technical Committee Members
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Atten: Blake Clark (Blake.clark@dca.ca.gov)

Subject: Agenda Item K of the LATC Meeting scheduled for 29 May 2019

Dear LATC members:

As licensed Landscape Architect professional with over 24 years of experience, a regular studio critic and invited juror for the UCLA Extension Landscape Architecture Program, I write you today in support of this legislation and ask for your ratification. It is my humble opinion, and observation, that the Program, faculty and instructors are, by far, of the highest caliber as any other Landscape Architecture education program available today. Further, the graduates of the Program are adeptly skilled and well prepared to become outstanding members of our landscape architecture profession.

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Sincerely,

E. Allan Spulecki, PLA, ASLA
Principal
PA Licensed Landscape Architect #001520L
CA Licensure Pending

cc: Stephanie V. Landregan - Program Director, UCLA Extension
Department of Landscape Architecture
Dear LATC members:

For over twenty years, I have been a strong supporter of the UCLA Extension's Landscape Architecture Program, both as a supervisor of their graduates employed by the City of Los Angeles and as an instructor. Upon review of the staff report and revised CCR 2620.5, and review of DCA Legal Comments, I urge approval and support of the proposed changes with the following comments and possible amendments:

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I graduated from the UCLA Extension Landscape Architecture program in 2015 and am finishing my credentials now to be a licensed landscape architect. I found my four years in the program to be both rigorous and intellectually stimulating and was very pleased with the quality of education I received. I hold a BA from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and had a successful 20 year career in the film industry prior to enrolling in the Extension program. As a working professional, an evening program was the only option for me to be able to support myself and further my dream of becoming a landscape architect. Additionally I became a mother while in the program, and was able to continue my studies (with the help of an understanding and competent husband!) and am currently happily and gainfully employed in the field. The Extension program works very well for many folks who are juggling numerous commitments, both professional and personal, and fills a much-needed space for motivated individuals to further their careers. I am looking forward to the 2620.5 amendment being ratified.

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Best,
Tricia O’Connell

Sent from my iPad
May 25, 2019

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Dear Members of the Landscape Architects Technical Committee:

I have been an instructor in the UCLA Extension Landscape Architecture Program since 1980 and have taught a full range of courses including design, professional practice and history. I have had the good fortune of meeting and teaching very capable and highly committed students who would have been unable to become landscape architects without the evening class structure of the UCLA Extension Landscape Architecture Program.

During the past four decades our students have entered the profession upon completion of their studies and have become landscape architects. Their professional contributions – in both private and public practice – have been of great benefit to California and its environment.

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