

Amendment to Resolution #3

Submitted by: California Landscape Architects Technical Committee

WHEREAS, the LATC has chosen not to support Resolution 3 as proposed because removal of language referencing “good moral character” does not alleviate concerns of bias when applying for, requesting renewal or reinstatement of, or requesting reciprocity of a landscape architecture license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership approve the following amendment, known as California Landscape Architects Technical Committee Amendment to Resolution #3, which shall amend the Board of Directors’ proposal as follows:

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Purpose: *To ensure bias does not play a role in the Board’s decision process.*

Location: *Section 302. Qualifications for Licensure Part A.*

Add California proposed amended language: “A license shall not be denied, suspended, or revoked on the grounds of a lack of good moral character or any similar ground relating to an applicant’s character, reputation, personality, or habits.”

WHEREAS the member board of California hereby approves the above amendments of Section 302. Qualifications for Licensure, of the Board of Directors’ proposed as shown on the attached red-lined version of that section, and approves the submission of those amendments to the members, in accordance with the CLARB Bylaws;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments from California be published and submitted to the members for their approval, in accordance with the CLARB Bylaws.

California Landscape Architects Technical Committee Supporting Statement for Amendment to Resolution #3

Removal of language referencing “good moral character” does not alleviate concerns of bias when applying for, requesting renewal or reinstatement of, or requesting reciprocity of a landscape architecture license. Language specifically prohibiting such bias is a more direct way to ensure such bias does not play a role in the Board’s decision process.

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Section 302. Qualifications for Licensure.

A. Qualification for~~Initial~~ Licensure: To obtain ~~an initial~~ License to practice Landscape Architecture in this StateJurisdiction, an Applicant must complete an application in a form determined by the Board and satisfy the following requirements ~~substantiate each item below to the Board's satisfaction:~~

- (i) Education: Either (1) hold a degree in landscape architecture accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB), Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Accreditation Council (LAAC), or their international equivalent, as determined by the Board; or (2) satisfy the alternative education requirements as determined by the Board; ~~and~~ Submission of a completed and signed application in the form determined by the Board.
- (ii) Possession of good moral character as determined by the BoardExperience: Have completed two (2) years of experience in the regulated practice of landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect or a licensed professional in a related field, as may be defined or otherwise determined by the Board~~the regulated practice of requirements determined by the board a licensed landscape architect. If an applicant completes only one year under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect, then the second year of experience must be completed under the direct supervision of a licensed professional in a related field as determined by the Board;~~ ~~and~~.
- (iii) Payment of all fees specified by the BoardExamination: Pass
- (iv) Documentation of United States citizenship or other recognized/permitted immigration status as required under [State] law or, in the absence of [State] law, applicable federal lawReciprocity: In lieu of providing evidence that the Applicant has completed the education, experience, and Examination requirements specified in provisions (A) through (C) of this Section302, provide evidence acceptable to the Board that the Applicant is licensed and in Good Standing to practice Landscape Architecture under the laws of another StateJurisdiction.
- (v) A license shall not be denied, suspended, or revoked on the grounds of a lack of good moral character or any similar ground relating to an applicant's character, reputation, personality, or habits.

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