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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express interest in being a member of the Lemoore Accessibility Advisory Committee.

I am currently a student of Interior Design at Fresno State in senior status. I hold a Bachelor's degree From Pepperdine University in Home Economics with an emphasis in Business Administration. I have work experience in working with the disabled in a work and living facility setting, accounting (I have worked in several industries as well as Public Accounting, and business college instructor.)

I feel it is important to share why I am interested in becoming involved with the committee. My mother is in a wheel chair and lives at a local nursing facility. I began school during the time she started using the wheel chair. The combination of what I have learned about the area of accessible design and having a mother who is 86 in a wheel chair and wants to be out and about as much as possible has opened my eyes to a lot issues and made me curious to learn more. I know what it is like to have my mothers knees hurt for days because she used a toilet that was to low in a "Handicapped Accessible" restroom, for us not to be able to get doors open or fit through them, to try to get on or off a sidewalk without spilling my mom on the street, to have mirrors too high for her to see her hair is standing straight on end, to be required move a trash can out of a small "Handicapped Accessible" public space because she could not get in and out of the room with it in the room, and these are only to name a few. I have seen her quality of life and that of others limited simply because of poor design.

I have learned many things in my classes regarding accessible design and those are not of course limited to just people in wheelchairs. Disabilities vary. Someone may have vision limitations or hearing loss etc. Having first hand experience with my mom has merely opened my eyes a bit more to the needs. Also, I have come to realize that merely meeting ADA standards for design may not be sufficient for truly quality design in my opinion. We also must realize that business is business and there are dollars and cents involved. A balance must be reached. I have so much more to learn, but the general public has even more so I see a great need for education to increase the awareness to the general public.

To be involved in the development of accessibility in the town I live in sounds very meaningful. This opportunity comes as I enter my senior year of study and it is going to be a very demanding year and possibly a grueling schedule. So while I have been hesitant to even write this letter I feel it is an opportunity to become involved in an area I have some passion for and an opportunity to learn and hopefully be of some assistance. I am not certain what limitations my classes and personal life will create for me though. My schedule is even not certain at this point, but I am writing to express interest in being involved in whatever capacity I am able to.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colette Falter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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Jarrell Prichard

From: Jim Christian [Jim@TheChristians.tv]
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2008 7:00 AM
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Subject: Committee

JD

As I stated last month I am willing to work with the city on an advisory committee. I had intended my letter of two weeks ago to make that clear but I guess I didn't.

Have you gotten any input from the public. I have not been able to get over to the Senior Center to get recruits'.

That brings up a point. What is the relationship of the Senior Center to the City. Does the City own the land and/or building? Does the City provide any services to the Center such as water, sewer, grounds upkeep or anything else? My question on the water and sewer, is it provided at a reduced cost or at no charge?

In closing, I am looking forward to working with the city in any capacity I can.

Thank you

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