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RE: Accessibility Advisory Committee Opening

TO: Nanci Lima, City Clerk
119 Fox Street
Lemoore, CA 93245

The purpose of this letter is to formally state my interest in an appointment to the Lemoore Accessibility Advisory Committee. I have been encouraged by two current committee members to apply for this position. They have advised me that the position is not very time consuming when I disclosed that I have already applied for a position on the Planning Commission.

My unique perspective of having to use an electric wheelchair will allow me to bring a practical application to accessibility of our public facilities and infrastructure. I believe any project that receives funding from taxpayers must be potentially utilized by all taxpayers. Hence, without accessibility there may be an unintended discriminatory effect on a definable segment of the population who helped fund the project.

I do have one experience where I utilized the Americans with Disabilities Act in an action against the Law Schools Admissions Council. This case concluded with me being a representative class member and the U.S. Justice Department suing the LSAC. Now, LSAT test takers receive proper accommodations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John W. Gordon