

ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING BULLETIN**Date: March 20, 2023****Bulletin No. 2021-003R1****Bulletin Title: DSA SS/CC (Alternate Building Code for Community Colleges)****Bulletin Contact: Carey Demas (323) 980-2610 | carey.demas@build-laccd.org****Background**

Design Professionals of Record (AoR / SEoR) providing design services for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) are prohibited from implementing the Division of the State Architect-Structural Safety/Community Colleges (DSA-SS/CC) amendment in their designs of new Bond projects. This is an Alternate Building Code for Community Colleges; and includes a separate adoption of building standards (Title 24, Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5) – providing an alternate set of streamlined structural standards that community colleges may use.

Note

- Currently, the 2022 California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) is designed to basically provide “Life and Property Protection”. In the event of a significant seismic event, not only can the occupants egress safely, but the District will be able to procure a contractor to repair the building; and facilitate reopening afterwards.
- The SS/CC alternate eliminates the prohibition on extreme torsional irregularity for very stiff structures regarding diaphragm span-to-depth ratio; and is more aligned to “Life Protection”. In the event of a significant seismic event, the occupants egress safely, but the building will or may have to be razed.
- Confirm with the District’s insurance company regarding premium – potential to raze versus repair the building.
- Design Professional of Record has to supply a letter from the District – acknowledging that they (District) are fully aware of the fact that the Design Professional of Record is using this alternate building code.