

BIO

Janis Kent, AIA, CASp is a licensed California Architect, and has been involved in the world of Accessibility since the mid-1980's. She is designated a Subject Matter Expert (SME) by the California Division of the State Architect, a Certified Access Specialist, and participates in developing the state CASp exams. In addition to having managed a variety of architectural projects, she has surveyed numerous facilities for accessibility compliance and provided quality control for facilities throughout the country.

Additionally, she has been asked to speak on Accessibility at a variety of venues from the Dwell conventions in Los Angeles, to Design DC in Washington, to National AIA Conventions in Chicago and New Orleans, and to the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Residential Design. She has been invited to speak at a number of business associations including Chamber of Commerces, BOMA-LA, Manufactured Housing Educational Trust (MHET), California Public Parking Association (CPPA) as well as a number of AIA Chapters. Her book, 'Stepping Thru Accessible Details' is a compilation of architectural details on Accessibility used by architects, designers, building officials, and facility managers, has recently been updated and expanded for current codes and regulations.

Ms Kent is the Founding President of the Certified Access Specialist Institute (CASI) serving both those in private practice as well as public sector who are involved with access in the built environment. She serves on the Cerritos College Architectural Advisory committee and is on the Board of Directors for the AIA-Long Beach/South Bay chapter. Janis received her M.Arch from the University of California, Los Angeles and is currently the principal of Stepping Thru Accessibility in Long Beach, California.

COMPANY

Stepping Thru Accessibility was founded in 2009 in response to CA Civil Code Section 55.51-55.54 and the need for information on Accessibility in the built environment. STA assists the Building Owner, Property Manager, Tenant, Attorneys, and Architect navigate their way thru accessibility concerns and issues both for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as California Building Codes (CBC).

- Navigating the intricacies of California Building Codes and Federal ADA is our specialty
- STA surveys existing facilities and provides detailed reports of items in non-compliance with today's accessibility standards for the built environment
- CASp reports can be issued once correction schedules are established
- Construction drawings for new buildings and alterations can be evaluated to verify if accessibility requirements are adequately addressed
- And topical seminars for architects, facilities and property managers, interior designers, landscape, civil engineers, & others involved in the built environment are offered

Stepping Thru Accessibility is located in Long Beach and is ideally located to serve the southern California area from San Diego to Santa Barbara with Los Angeles and South Bay being our immediate neighborhood.