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ADA Request for Accommodation - LEDs on Bay Bridge

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Dear Michelle Bonk, ADA Coordinator, CalTrans,

It has come to my attention that CalTrans is in discussions to install tens of thousands of hazardous and discriminatory
LED lights on the San Francisco Bay Bridge which will deny full and equal access for me and thousands of other
individuals who are neurologically intolerant of intense, unregulated LED light. The planned installation of tens of
thousands of LED lights on the Bay Bridge will prevent me and others from being able to use the bridge or even to access
the city of San Francisco due to the risk of seizure, migraine, or other adverse neurological reactions to the intense LED
light.

I am requesting accommodation. The accommodation I request is the denial of the permit to Illuminate to install the LED
lights on the Bay Bridge. My request is reasonable and readily achievable and is not an undue burden. I am requesting
approval of my accommodation within 30 days of this request. If CalTrans denies my request for accommodation, then I
request a detailed justification for the denial, and an alternate accommodation proposal from CalTrans. In any event,
accommodation from CalTrans is mandated by 42 U.S.C. Chapter 126. Here is a link to the publication by the League of
California Cities on the rights and responsibilities of government and citizen in regards to ADA accommodation requests.
(https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/
Library/2017/2017-Annual-Conference-CA-Track/9-2017-Annual-S-Patterson-ADA-Act-Proceed-with-Cau).

Sincerely,

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