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"The Technical Electrical People"

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Dear City of San Diego Rules Committee,

I read the memo from Marti Emerald. I am the owner of a very small woman owned business. I would very much like to have an opportunity to on the capital improvement projects in San Diego; however if this proposed ordinance were to pass, I would be eliminated from bidding.

My company was began many years ago prior to the state requirements for low voltage companies (C7 and C10 license). Since the requirements for these licenses became required, we took and passed all of the tests to receive our license. We were also one of the first companies to get our life safety certification when they became required under the new state certification. However, our company is NOT apprenticeship trained. We have all received our training gained through experience and have passed that on to our son-in-law who works with us who is also life safety certified and well trained. Our company is continually receiving further training and certifications, but if this ordinance passes we would be disqualified because an apprenticeship program was not required when we began our business.

I apologize that I was unable to attend your meeting, but I had to attend to business. Ours company is a family business that we would like to pass down to our kids when we retire. Please do not pass this ordinance so that our small minority business would have an opportunity to bid on these capital improvement projects.

Thank You,

Kim Briggs, CEO/President