

Recommendations for Accessibility and Usability Enhancements at Washington Court

This is list of suggestions and our comments for enhancing the usability of the building that the UI Clinical Law Program team developed during informal walk-throughs and recent visits to Washington Court. The list is not comprehensive; it does not include all the elements we discussed during the December tour, nor does it track the Universal Design Checklists or other materials we provided to Gronen Restoration, Inc., Jeff Morton, Paul Kalb or others involved in the design and construction of the facility. The features are listed by area in order of their convenience, cost-effectiveness, ease-of-installation and feasibility, given that construction is complete and the apartments will soon be occupied.

H/C Apartments

Kitchen:

- Provide additional knee, leg and clear space under the sink to enable -tenant to use sink and dishwasher (or provide at tenant request)
- Install pull-out cutting/work boards
- Install roll-out shelves to provide usable storage space.
- Consider installing shelving or dish rack above the oven

Bathroom:

- Remove sink apron at tenant request, particularly in Apts. 202, 302, & 402
- Remove lowest storage shelves at tenant request
- Consider providing increased lighting

Entry:

- Replace single-leaf door with bi-fold door, or do so at tenant request in Apts. 202, 302 and 402.
- Consider replacing door knobs on all bi-fold doors with “C-shaped” or similar type handles or hardware
- Consider installing security peepholes or upon consultation with tenants

Laundry:

- Mount the front-loading washers and dryers so that the bottom of the drum is 22-25 inches from the floor, and the coin machines are no higher than 46-48 inches
- Reposition front-loading washers and dryers and/or, if possible, reverse the hinges on the doors to provide easy access and use
- Provide wheeled carts for transporting laundry

Community -Provide access to appliances, cabinets, and spaces.

Kitchen
2nd Floor: