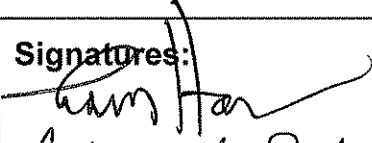
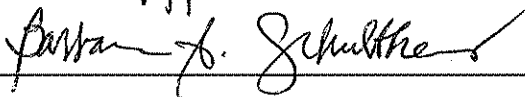


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**Building Code Interpretation
General 002**

***Classification of Assembly
Occupancy***

Subject: Classification as an assembly occupancy	Date: November 5, 2007
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Question: May a building or tenant space be divided into two separate Group B occupancy spaces, with opening(s) between the spaces, to avoid classification as an Assembly occupancy?	

Answer: No, the SFBC Section 303.1, Exception 1 addresses "a building or tenant space used for assembly purposes" when considering Group B occupancies. The words "building or tenant space" imply that the occupancy is viewed as a whole when considering code issues.
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