**Architect’s Visitability Certification**

Project Name:

**Required for projects attempting points in the Special Needs category by financing housing that is visitable by persons with physical disabilities who are not occupants of such housing. This form is NOT required for projects with units reserved for households with special needs.**

**Projects that are required to create visitable units pursuant to the design and construction requirements of the Federal Fair Housing Act (FFHA) or other state or local standards are not eligible for visitable points. The design and construction requirements of the Federal Fair Housing Act apply to “covered multifamily dwellings” designed and constructed for “first occupancy” after March 13, 1991. This includes buildings occupied by March 13, 1991 or those with a building permit or renewal of a building permit issued on or before June 15, 1990. For more information, visit the Fair Housing Accessibility First** [**website**](http://www.fairhousingfirst.org/fairhousing/coverage.html)***.***

**Ineligible project types include:**

* Adaptive reuse projects utilizing buildings that were not initially residential in use
* Acquisition-only projects
* New construction projects of 4 or more units

**If you are unsure if your project qualifies for Visitable points, contact Community Investment prior to application submittal at** **ci@fhlbc.com** **or 312.565.5824.**

I [ ]  have prepared (or caused to be prepared under my direct supervision) [ ]  will prepare (or will cause to be prepared under my direct supervision), the plans and specifications of the project such that       units will include the following three features for visitability:

1. at least one zero-step entrance approachable by an accessible route on a firm surface proceeding from a driveway, accessible parking lot, or public streets or sidewalks;
2. the entrance door and all interior passage doors are at least 34 inches wide, offering 32 inches of clear passage space throughout the floor plan of the unit; and
3. basic access (i.e. ability to enter and use) to at least one half-bath/powder room on the main floor of the housing unit.

In addition, I certify that this project is not subject to the design and construction laws of the FFHA or other state or local standards requiring the creation of visitable units.

Project Address:

Architect/Engineer:

 Print Name

Signature:

Firm:

State Registration No.:

Date: