PROPERTY LINE AND BUILDING SEPARATIONS

Los Angeles County Building Code Section 1614.1.6 specifies building separations from adjoining structures and property line(s). Structural separations may be an integral part of the seismic design of a structure and are also desirable to divide large buildings into segments for temperature displacements and to accommodate differential settlements.

The space or void between structures should not be filled or grouted. If used, flashing and closure strips should be flexible to allow movement of the structure through the required separation dimension. The exterior walls exposed to weather shall include exterior wall finish materials that provide protection of the building structural members and conditioned interior space from the detrimental effects of the exterior environment.

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