

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHARGE

The Advocacy Advisory Committee serves as a resource to the Government Relations program. Recommending positions on legislative issues and responding to regulatory concerns, as well as planning for proactive initiatives. The committee is comprised of architects representing various design disciplines and/or building types, and an attorney who actively represents architects in legal matters. The committee’s recommendations are forwarded to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for action.

OVERARCHING GOALS/OUTCOMES FOR 2023

1. Advocate for policies related to climate change and the built environment.
2. Expand outreach efforts to improve organization’s influence at the Capitol and regulatory bodies impacting our profession.
3. Support local components in their advocacy efforts.

STATUS SUMMARY / RECOMMENDATIONS

The Advocacy Advisory Committee will be meeting in March to review the bills introduced this year in the California State Legislature and make recommendations to the Board. We have introduced one bill, AB 342 (Valencia), which will allow the California Architect Board to request demographic information from licensees for the purpose of helping to advance our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Efforts, and we are working with the Governor’s Office and Budget Committee staff to address the issue surrounding Architects having to register with the Department of Industrial Relations for Public Works Projects. We are continuing to build relationships with Legislative staff, Legislators, regulatory staff, and allied organizations. We have code advocacy efforts in the works touching on CALGreen, International Existing Building Code, and decarbonization reach codes. In March, we will restart our Local Component Advocacy Network, which is a forum for reporting policy issues relevant to chapters, receiving news from AIA CA, helping to coordinate local advocacy initiatives, and providing feedback on how AIA CA can better serve chapters on advocacy issues.

OPERATING PLAN OVERVIEW

STRATEGIC PLAN	OPERATING PLAN OBJECTIVE	% DONE	DATE OF COMPLETEION	DRIVER
Advocacy	Advocate for an improved CALGreen code	75		

Advocacy	Develop and administer annual survey for proactive advocacy initiatives	0%		
Advocacy	Support members inquiries regarding government relations/advocacy and conduct outreach to members about the Government Relations Program virtually	50%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Maintain legislative efforts utilizing various committees to evaluate impact on practice and assist the Board in decision-making initiatives	75%		
Advocacy	Support local advocacy network and develop tools to enable and assist local component advocacy efforts	50%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Grow relationship with California Energy Commission (CEC) to influence building standards and understanding of impact of real-world implementation	50%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Utilize the CALC PAC to identify candidates to support who understand issues important to the profession	15%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Conduct outreach to allied organizations to identify common issues and/or advocate for change	50%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Participate in A&E Conference Committee to identify issues of common concern among allied organizations	50%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Continue efforts to encourage California adoption of International Existing Building Code (IEBC) for existing buildings	75%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Actively engage with the California Architects Board (CAB) on issues that impact the practice of architecture and advocate for quality mandatory continuing education requirements	50%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Expand outreach to key regulatory agencies impacting the profession by developing and strengthening relationships key regulatory agencies	50%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Grow working relationship with Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff and engage members in policy-focused discussions	50%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Facilitate communication between the Academy for Emerging Professionals (AEP) and the California Architects Board (CAB) about licensure issues and intern titling	40%	Ongoing	
Advocacy	Participate in triennial code development process with California	50%	Ongoing	



	Building Standards Commission (CBSC); support member representatives on code promulgation agencies, and utilize them as the AIA CA Code Advisory Committee			
Advocacy	Support California Division of State Architect (DSA) to work with the profession in developing safe and sustainable school facilities	50%	Ongoing	
Innovation	Partner with allied organizations to co-sponsor annual awards programs that recognize different practice typologies, materials and urban design (CASH, CMACN and ASLA)			
Culture	Sponsor legislation to collect demographic information as part of licensure renewal process	50%		
Governance	Administer the Government Relations program to protect the architectural profession and advocate on behalf of architects before California's Legislature and Regulatory agencies.	50%	Ongoing	
Governance	Manage California Architects for Livable Communities Political Action Committee (CALCPAC) in accordance with state law	15%	Ongoing	
Governance	Attend and participate in AIA State and Local Government Network virtually	50%	Ongoing	
Governance	Manage and support Advocacy Advisory Committee	50%	Ongoing	

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS & TASKS

PROJECT OR TASK	% DONE	COMPLETION DATE	DRIVER
Working with Governor's Office and Budget Staff to address the issue of architects having to register as Public Works Contractors (a group that is defined by their requirement to pay prevailing wage) and pay a \$400 fee (used to enforce prevailing wage requirements) in order to bid on Public Works projects.	40%	Ongoing	

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