



# AIA WASHINGTON

A COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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*Founded in 1857 (WA chapter in 1894), The American Institute of Architects has long been an advocate for architects at the state and federal level. In Washington, AIA Washington Council (AIA|WA) is an architect's voice to the legislature. AIA|WA seeks to be an effective proponent of the balance between the natural, built and economic environments. AIA|WA protects the interests of the profession by participating in political races and election campaigns that support architect friendly candidates and legislators.*

## POLICY GOALS FOR 2010

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### LIABILITY REFORM

Provide protection for architects against increases to liability laws, especially for housing development  
Support passage of a balanced law that provides consumers redress when residential construction professionals do not fulfill their contractual obligations

### LICENSING

Support passage of a new law to modernize architecture licensing  
Stop legislation that:

- allows non-architects to practice architecture
- weakens current licensing standards
- requires less education and put the public at risk

### TAXES

Stop additional taxes on the profession, including prevention of a sales tax on professional services and raises to the Business & Occupation (B&O) tax

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Protect the gains made in 2009 on energy conservation and ensure implementation of the new Washington State Energy Code

### PUBLIC WORKS PROCUREMENT

Provide protection for the integrity of the state's Qualifications Based Selection Law (QBS) by encouraging law clarification as needed

### EMPLOYER GAG RULE

Stop the passage of laws that restrict employer's free speech and right to communicate with their employees

### FALSE CLAIMS ACT

Prevent the passage of laws encouraging frivolous lawsuits against state government contractors over contract provisions and payment claims

### CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDING FOR DESIGN PROJECTS

Restore funding for pre-design and design projects instead of only "shovel-ready" projects

### TRANSPORTATION

Support adequate funding of transit as a comprehensive transportation solution