



KEY POINTS

- *Architects are profoundly involved in the goal of bettering our communities*
- *Architects are trained to be collaborators and problem solvers.*
- *Invest in Washington State through a robust Capital Budget*
- *Promote a fair tax code*
- *Promote planning that attains livable communities*
- *Protect the health, safety, and welfare of Washington State citizens*

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ARCHITECTS ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS AND COLLABORATORS WE WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

OVERVIEW

Architects share a core mission with you, as a legislator to protect the health, safety and welfare of our fellow citizens.

Architecture profoundly affects people and our communities. The work of architects is essential to human well-being, and (like you) architects embrace their ethical obligation to uphold this public trust.

As members of their communities, architects are professionally obligated to use their knowledge, skill, and experience to engage in civic life.

CORE ISSUES

We want to be a resource for you, as a legislator, over the long-haul. We know there are difficult decisions to be made this year and in the future which will take dedication and problem solving to reach the appropriate solutions.

AIA Washington Council has identified the following core interest areas:

- **Support a Robust Capital Budget – Invest in Washington State**

AIA Washington believes it is important to our state economy, as well as our health, safety and welfare to invest in the Capital Budget. The process for funding the planning and construction of all projects should be upheld. This includes transportation, educational facilities, and more. It is important to maintain funding of projects already in the pipeline, and protect the taxpayer dollar by funding each phase of a project in the next funding cycle.

- **Operating Budget & Taxes**

The AIA supports governmental policies, programs, and administration that promote a fair tax code and business regulations that encourage the free enterprise system and the economic well-being of Washington's citizens, the construction industry, and the profession of architecture.

- **Livable Communities – Support diverse Transportation Infrastructure**

The AIA believes that planning and design that integrates transportation, (along with housing and land-use policies) at the neighborhood, community and regional scales are prerequisites to the creation of safe, attractive, walkable and sustainable communities.

- **Building Codes**

The AIA supports sound values of health, safety, and the protection of the public welfare. Additionally, the AIA supports the development, evaluation, and use of codes, standards and evidence-based rating systems that promote the design, preservation, and construction of sustainable communities and high performance buildings.