Texas Society of Architects

2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LEAD

We work to have legislation introduced or we work with others (legislators, coalitions, and partners) to have it introduced, and we actively support these efforts.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Champion rigorous standards for architectural licensing, and work to ensure that architectural services are only provided by licensed architects who have demonstrated competency to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public in the built environment.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING & ZONING INEFFICIENCIES

Advocate for an efficient and predictable review and approval process in Texas. Support policies that eliminate costly time delays, while maintaining important safeguards to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public in the built environment.

FRIVOLOUS DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION DEFECT LITIGATION

Support legislation intended to reduce lawsuits alleging unfounded design and construction defects.

ENGAGE

We may support, oppose, or remain neutral on a bill or issue. We may provide members' expertise in the form of testimony or in meetings with policy makers.

BUSINESS & PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT

Support opportunities to align policy with business-friendly practices. Oppose proposals for new or expanded taxes on architectural services.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Support policies and programs that seek to preserve, restore, and maintain buildings significant to the history and culture of Texas, and continue to support increased funding for Texas' courthouse preservation program.

HOUSING

Support policies to improve housing affordability and to increase housing types available to Texans.

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY

Advocate for policies that protect and encourage resilient design standards through practices that prioritize energy conservation, water conservation, and human health. Encourage the use of modern building codes, which protect taxpayer investments, reduce energy use, improve building performance, and increase asset value.

MONITOR

We are watchful of legislation and issues, assessing risk of escalating our involvement and determining if or when we should act or weigh in, and we look for proactive opportunities to communicate the benefits of architecture and the value of good design.

LIABILITY FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Monitor the impact of proposals which could have the effect of increasing liability exposure for registered architects.

PUBLIC PROJECT PROCUREMENT & FUNDING

Support public procurement processes that deliver long-term value for taxpayers through the selection of highly qualified design professionals based on expertise and competence. Support funding for the construction and repair of public buildings that serve Texas communities.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Support policies that improve the safety and security of Texas schools. Promote best-practice standards for the design, construction, and maintenance of school facilities that help protect students and educators while maintaining open and positive learning environments.

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