



ILLINOIS ARCHITECTS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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Dear Colleague,

Challenges face Architects every day, whether it's a particular design or detail or finding that next commission. We would be overwhelmed if, individually, we spent our time watching over those that regulate our profession.

Over the years, we have made several friends in the State Legislature. These are people who understand our profession and the business challenges we face. Since 2004 we have contributed to 137 different campaign committees. We don't always have the influence we desire. However, we are building on our history and investing in our future. With the current redistricting of the State of Illinois, new opportunities and challenges will be faced by our elected friends of the profession.

Serving on the AIA Illinois Board of Directors, I see firsthand the impact of staff efforts including watching the legislative agenda and protecting our profession, as well as contributions to the IAPAC fund have on the profession as a whole. Perhaps that is why we have already received 100% financial commitment from all twenty-two members of the AIA Illinois Board of Directors.

The Illinois Architects Political Action Committee (IAPAC) supports the campaigns of those candidates who have shown an understanding of what the profession does and how architects affect the quality of life within their communities. A candidate's party affiliation is not considered. Historically, the IAPAC's contributions run just about 50-50 on supporting Democrats and Republicans. Information on past activity can be obtained by contacting AIA Illinois.

It takes time to build rapport and trust between the architects and elected officials. This is done through individual meetings with AIA Illinois counsel, staff and members, and legislators. Those in public office depend on us for information about the possible impact of a bill. We depend on them to weigh that information with other sources and to reach a reasonable conclusion when the votes are taken.

To maintain the investment in these relationships, AIA Illinois needs to back those candidates who supported restricting and prosecuting unlicensed practice, limiting by contract an architect's liability, and the concept of qualifications-based selection for public projects.

By making a contribution to the IAPAC, you are helping your firm and your ability to practice our profession. Please donate to the IAPAC today by sending a check equal to one-hour's billable time to the IAPAC, c/o AIA Illinois, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza North, Suite 300, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Flemming, AIA
AIA Illinois President



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So far this year, the IAPAC has raised over nine thousand dollars from 120 contributors. We are very grateful to those listed for standing up for their profession.

Don't see your name on the list? For additional information on IAPAC and to make your 2011 contribution please visit the following website: www.aiaill.org/iapac or contact Chris Casey at ccasey@aiaill.org

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