

Architects Are Your Trusted Resource

Let us be your resource on housing

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with an architect in your district

Architects are the primary stewards of public health, safety, and welfare in our built environment. When considering legislation for buildings and housing, policymakers must weigh complex factors like community resilience, energy efficiency, and economic viability.

By engaging AIA Illinois, legislators gain access to a multidisciplinary network of experts who bridge the gap between abstract policy and the physical reality of construction, ensuring laws are grounded in technical feasibility.

Consulting with AIA Illinois provides the "on-the-ground" perspective necessary to address the housing crisis and streamline permitting without the risk of costly design flaws or unintended consequences.

We encourage the General Assembly to view **AIA Illinois as a vital technical resource**. Together, we can craft smarter regulations that protect citizens and foster innovative, thriving communities across Illinois.

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Architect Insights

Public Safety: Expertise in building codes, life safety strategies, structural integrity, and disaster resilience.

Housing Affordability: Creative solutions for density, adaptive reuse, and sustainable low-cost materials.

Environmental Stewardship: Implementing energy-efficient standards and reducing carbon footprints.

Accessibility: Ensuring compliance with ADA and universal design to support aging and diverse populations.

Current Bills - How Architects Can Help

SB4060: The Middle Housing Mandate: Architects can provide site-capacity studies to show how increased density can be aesthetically integrated into existing neighborhoods without straining infrastructure or changing neighborhood character.

SB4061: Modernizing Building Codes: As stewards of public safety, architects provide critical guidance on life safety strategies and advanced construction types that maintain rigorous safety standards while making small-lot projects financially viable.

SB4062: Standardized Impact Fees: Architects act as project integrators who can demonstrate how fee transparency directly lowers the final cost of housing for middle-income families.

SB4063: Permit Streamlining & Third-Party Review: AIA Illinois can help define the professional standards for third-party reviewers, ensuring that safety and code compliance remain uncompromised while significantly reducing costly project delays.

SB4064: Parking Minimum Reform: Architects use sustainable site planning to design walkable, transit-oriented developments that replace excess parking with green space and more livable square footage.