

## **ARCHITECT AS ADVOCATE: State & Local Efforts that are Influencing the Industry**

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### **Description:**

What does politics have to do with architecture? Why do we need designers, builders, innovators, and creative thinkers in our political landscape? Although the concept of a citizen architect resonates with our passions, how can we get involved? The AIA defines Citizen Architects as individuals who stay informed on local, state, and federal issues and use their skills to improve the community and human condition by advocating for higher living standards, sustainable living environments, quality of life, and the greater good.

This panel presentation will demonstrate how practicing architects are engaging in the political and regulatory landscape at the local, regional, and state levels. Discover how civic engagement can lead to positive business development and enhance the reputation of your practice by being directly involved in government, regulatory bodies, and other civic groups.

### **Learning Objectives:**

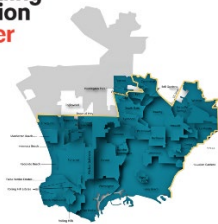
Explore means in which architects can engage with the local, state and federal political process.

Consider the impact that engagement can have on the rules and regulations that guide issues in cities and states pertaining to the built environment.

Learn about current legislation affecting the built environment and the practice of architecture.

Identify different ways firms and practitioners can support current advocacy efforts and how to get involved themselves.

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