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I would like to be a part of the political process by signing up for a Resource Group. Please send me information and sign me up for these groups: (Please check all that apply)

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## APAC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why should I donate to APAC when I already pay dues to the AIA?

Federal law prevents non-profit organizations from donating directly to political races or using dues in any election activities.

### Who determines where the money goes?

The APAC Board, comprised of architects from all regions of the State.

### Who does APAC support?

APAC does not give directly to parties or leadership PAC's. Instead contributions are made to carefully chosen elections, candidates who support architects, and where our donations will have the most impact.



### Who can give to APAC?

In Washington State, any individual, business and/or architecture firm can give.

### Why donate to APAC instead of directly to a candidate?

Through APAC your donation is combined with the donations of many other architects throughout Washington, multiplying its effectiveness.

In addition, APAC has the expertise to carefully evaluate each candidate and legislative race for its impact on the profession's legislative and political goals. APAC evaluates all 98 House and 25 Senate races for how they would affect the profession.

For more information visit our Advocacy webpage at [www.aiawa.org/APAC](http://www.aiawa.org/APAC)

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*The Architects Political Action Committee for Washington State endorses state-level candidates who support the architecture profession.*

*APAC was formed by the American Institute of Architects Washington Council to be the political voice for the profession.*

*In Washington State, any individual or business can give to a political action committee, the purpose of which is to influence state or local elections. An architecture firm may donate to APAC as well as individual architects.*

*There is no limit on how much money one may contribute to APAC.*

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# APAC

## 2010

Architects Political Action Committee



REPRESENTING THE  
COMMON INTERESTS  
OF ALL  
WASHINGTON STATE  
ARCHITECTS

## WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED OR GIVE TO THE ARCHITECTS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE?

### TWO REASONS:

#### Architects have a lot to give:

The architectural profession employs more than 275,000 Americans and represents a significant percentage of the U.S. economy. Architects need a strong voice on a wide range of issues from housing, sustainability, building codes, project delivery, preservation, and a wealth of other issues.

#### Architects have a lot to lose:

Despite facing the worst economy in a generation, state government was unresponsive to the economic plight of architects. This year alone the state increased the B&O Tax on architects by 20%, costing A&E firms \$70 million over the next 3 years and cut design funding in the Capital Budget by more than 50%.

APAC IS THE ONLY STATE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR ARCHITECTS.

THROUGH APAC, WASHINGTON STATE ARCHITECTS HAVE A UNIFIED VOICE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES.



## APAC REPRESENTS THE COMMON INTERESTS OF ALL WASHINGTON STATE ARCHITECTS

2010 brought about sweeping changes to the state's architecture licensing laws – which had not been updated in 25 years!

These changes were needed to align licensing standards with new technologies and modern practice methods. The new law also stops illegal plan stamping, simplifies corporate registration and eliminates troublesome exemptions.

This historic success is due to APAC support of lawmakers who support architect issues; these champions facilitate advocacy efforts during the legislative session,

## APAC IS THE PROFESSION'S POLITICAL VOICE IN WASHINGTON STATE

In 2010, the Architect's PAC:

- Protected the State Building Code Council from legislative attacks (HB 2775, HB 2658)
- Protected sustainability goals by opposing attempts to block the implementation of the new energy code (HB 2928)
- Protected architects from frivolous lawsuits, and badly written warranty laws that would void E&O Insurance (SB 6701)
- Continually monitored that QBS was used to procure architectural services
- Supported design funding in the Capital Budget and testified on the economic impact of removing funding

## APAC COORDINATES THE LEGISLATIVE AND GRASSROOTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARCHITECTS

APAC helps to facilitate Capitol Connections, architect's lobby day. This day allows any AIA Washington architect to meet with their legislators and be part of the political activity that shapes the profession.

## APAC FIGHTS TO KEEP ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED

Since July 2008, WA has lost 7,000 Architecture and Engineering jobs. APAC fought against the implementation of new taxes that will further hurt the struggling profession.

APAC must continue to fight against new taxes and attempt to reverse new increased costs for the construction industry.

## APAC CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP

Federal law prevents non-profits from donating directly to political races. The AIA Washington Council can't use dues to support candidates, incumbents or participate in any election activities.

Without your donation APAC efforts will be stopped.



## 2011 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SUPPORTED BY APAC FUNDS

- Repeal of B&O Tax Increase  
Last year the legislature increased the Business & Occupations Tax by 20% on service businesses (architects). This tax hike could cost architecture and engineering firms roughly \$70 million over its three year term.
- Restore Capital Budget Design Funding  
In last year's Capital Budget architects and design professionals took a disproportionately large loss; some estimate that up to half of the construction/design budget was cut.
- Housing Liability/Contractor Licensing  
Each year a new bill is introduced that attempts to protect homeowners from shoddy construction. So far all proposed legislation has encouraged litigation instead of prevention. A different approach is needed that provides legitimate redress but doesn't increase the need for litigation.
- Limit Contract Liability  
Some agencies are requiring architects to cover liability for items not related to design services. The AIA | WA with assistance from APAC has introduced a bill to limit architects liability to their work only.
- QBS Law Reforms (39.80 RCW)  
Reforms are needed to prevent agencies from circumventing the law and asking for price factors in their RFQ's.

Do you have thoughts, concerns, or issues you would like to see on this list? Contact us at (360) 943.6012 or [stephanie@aiawa.org](mailto:stephanie@aiawa.org)