2021-2022 Legislative Survey Insights
Legislative Priorities

Tier 1

1. Encroachment on the Practice of Architecture
2. Green Buildings and Sustainability
3. Building Codes Updates and Protection
4. Affordable Housing
5. Equitable Communities
6. Professional Services Tax
7. Historic Preservation
8. Mechanics Lien for Design Professionals
9. Reforming and Funding the Public School Construction (PlanCon)
10. Statute of Repose and Tort Reform
11. Mandatory Continuing Education of Architects
12. Issues related to running your business or firm (non-architectural)

Tier 2

13. Student Loan Forgiveness for Architectural Graduates
14. Expansion of Public-Private Partnerships (P3)
15. State Procurement

Tier 3

Weighted average of 194 respondents

1. Tier 1
   - Encroachment on the Practice of Architecture: 2.52
   - Green Buildings and Sustainability: 2.51
   - Building Codes Updates and Protection: 2.49
   - Affordable Housing: 2.28
   - Equitable Communities: 2.26
   - Professional Services Tax: 2.15
   - Historic Preservation: 2.13
   - Mechanics Lien for Design Professionals: 2.11
   - Reforming and Funding the Public School Construction (PlanCon): 2.07
   - Statute of Repose and Tort Reform: 1.98
   - Mandatory Continuing Education of Architects: 1.92
   - Issues related to running your business or firm (non-architectural): 1.90

2. Tier 2
   - Student Loan Forgiveness for Architectural Graduates: 1.73
   - Expansion of Public-Private Partnerships (P3): 1.72
   - State Procurement: 1.68
Legislative Priorities by Firm Size

Data sourced from 191 responses to the 2021-2022 AIA Pennsylvania Legislative Survey. Three (3) of the 194 survey respondents skipped the question indicating firm size.

Weighted averages of 194 total respondents as compared to weighted averages of 97 responses from respondents in small firms.

Weighted averages of 194 total respondents as compared to weighted averages of 47 responses from respondents in midsize firms.

Weighted averages of 194 total respondents as compared to weighted averages of 47 responses from respondents in large firms.
Energy Efficiency Priorities

1. Incentives for green building, air tightness, envelope commissioning, and/or renewable energy (Weighted average of 190 respondents: 5.40)
2. Create state tax incentives for buildings meeting the 2030 Challenge for embodied carbon (4.67)
3. Carbon reduction through the elimination or reduction of fossil fuels in the Commonwealth (4.05)
4. Adoption of more stringent energy codes or a ZERO code (4.04)
5. Historic Preservation as a sustainability measure (3.95)
Key Issues

Climate Action
AIA National has identified climate action as a priority. Do you support AIA PA advocating for statewide policies to combat climate change including managing carbon, more stringent energy codes, and educating legislators?

- Yes: 87%
- No: 13%

190 respondents

Sign & Seal
Pennsylvania law states that only an architect or engineer can sign and seal construction documents for permit, others are seeking that privilege. Should other individuals in the design industry have the ability to sign and seal construction documents without using the services of an architect or engineer?

- No: 5%
- Yes: 95%

194 respondents

Statute of Repose
Do you support a reduction in the Statute of Repose from 12 years to 6 years for architect’s liability on construction projects in Pennsylvania?

- Yes: 95%
- No: 5%

184 respondents