

Building Codes and Regulations

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The AIACC supports the adoption and enforcement of building codes and standards that are the product of informed education, research, and review. The AIACC also supports active participation of the architect and public in a consensus process that includes provision for a prompt appeals procedure.

Public Policy

Related National AIA Policies

- 1: Building Performance
Regulations: Purpose, Consistency, and Principles
- 2: Building Performance
Regulations: Process, Participation, Enforcement, and Appeals
- 3: Building Performance and
Regulations: Standards and Research

Related AIACC Policies

None

Policy Statement

Consistent with AIA National Component policies the AIACC supports building codes and regulations for California that include:

1. Protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public by setting forth the minimum standards for building construction.
2. Development of rational criteria and adopted solely through the regulatory process.
3. Using a uniform, open, unbiased, consensus process with participation from all affected parties, including architects and affiliated design professionals, to deliberate adoption California codes and regulations, and make submissions of code changes for review.
4. A set of comprehensive, coordinated and contemporary codes for the state based upon a single family of national model codes and regulations.
5. Recognizing the value of national model codes and encouraging the participation of all interested parties, especially state agencies and California interest groups, in the national model code development process to minimize the necessity for California state amendments to national model codes and standards.
6. Performance based criteria and alternatives as equal to prescriptive based criteria wherever practicable.
7. Participation of disabled individuals in society through the elimination of environmental barriers.
8. Buildings which are environmentally responsible, healthy places that are energy efficient and conserve resources.
9. A nationwide system recognizing the necessity of integrated education of the public, design professionals, the construction industry, and regulators regarding the development, implementation and interpretation of codes and regulations.



Policy Background

Policy Positions: