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#### Who we are

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the professional association for architects. In collaboration with AIA National and AIA Tennessee, the AIA Middle Tennessee Government Relations Committee works to advocate on the federal, state, and local levels.

By advocating for solutions within the built environment to address issues like school safety, climate change, and affordable housing, architects can be at the forefront of solving these critical challenges.

The more architects work with state and local elected officials, the greater the positive impact on these and other important issues facing the profession, the business, and our communities.

### **Our Purpose**

**INFORM** 

by keeping AIA Middle Tennessee members informed about policy issues that affect their projects, businesses, and communities.

**EDUCATE** 

by providing technical expertise to support local policymakers and elected officials in making informed decisions.

ADVOCATE

by giving voice to shared values of our members to influence the shape of our neighborhoods and our world.

**COLLABORATE** 

by joining with allied professionals and community partners to advance shared interests.



The voice of AIA architects, as thought and action leaders, is essential to designing a better future for our states, cities, townships and neighborhoods.

## **Areas of Advocacy**

- Zoning + Land Use
- Resiliency
- Building Code Adoption
- Design Excellence
- Historic Preservation
- Professional Ethics



# How can we help?

- Neighborhood Association Participation
- Educational Programs
- Legislative Feedback
- Member Advocacy
- Dedicated Task Force for timely issues
- Working with industry partners for Architecture,
  Engineering, and Construction alignment