



Texas Architects Committee
Political Action Organization
Representing Texas Architects

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Dear AIA Fort Worth Chapter Members:

The Texas Architects Committee (TAC) needs your help to promote the profession and protect architectural employment.

Did you know that the Texas Legislature decides who is allowed to legally produce architectural plans and specifications? Most regulation of our profession and how we can practice it in Texas takes place at the state level of government – it's not established by local or national officials.

The Texas Architects Committee (TAC) is the only unified political voice for all Texas Architects and helps elect such legislators. It's the only legal way the Texas Society of Architects can make a difference supporting those who know architects, who have worked with architects, and who are willing to listen and work with you to ensure a better built environment. This work is a full time job for our Texas Society of Architects Advocate Team consisting of David Lancaster and two outside lobbyists.

During the 85th Legislative Session and subsequent Special Legislative Session, that ended on August 15, 2017, our Texas Society of Architects Advocate Team worked to both promote and defend our profession on a number of Bills and achieved some remarkable successes. Attached find an overview of our Profession's 85th Legislative Session Accomplishments.

Give to TAC now to help us reach our 2017 Fort Worth Chapter goal of \$15,450. We currently stand at \$10,975, with only 21 of AIA FW's 400+ members having given anything so far. We can—we must—do better!

SO, I am reaching out to YOU the MEMBERSHIP of our Chapter to not only help us reach our Goal but to promote what TAC does for our Profession and the vital role it plays. With your help I would like to see us hit—and surpass—our chapter goal by the end of October.

There are two ways to give — send your personal check made out to "Texas Architects Committee" or "TAC" to 500 Chicon Street, Austin, TX 78792...OR...go online to www.texasarchitects.org and click 'Support Texas Architects,' then 'Texas Architects Committee (TAC)' in the pull-down menu to get you to the site where you can contribute via credit or debit card. (Really quick and easy!) NOTE: AS OF JULY 2016, THERE IS A NEW FEATURE, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO MAKE AUTOMATIC MONTHLY CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF A LUMP SUM ANNUAL PAYMENT.

Remember, it's your livelihood—your (way of) life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric L. Hahnfeld", is written over a horizontal line.

Eric L. Hahnfeld, AIA

Executive Trustee

Attachment