



AIA 2022 New York State Candidate Questionnaire

The American Institute of Architects is a professional association for architects and related professionals with chapters in every borough. [AIA Brooklyn](#), [AIA Bronx](#), and [AIA New York \(AIANY\)](#) have over 6,000 members, including private- and public-sector architects, firm owners and employees, academics, code consultants, architecture students, and others.

We advocate for policies that promote equity, sustainability, and growth in the built environment and a political environment favorable to innovative design solutions. More information about our advocacy efforts and public positions is available through our websites. This questionnaire will assist our members in understanding which candidates are supportive of architects and design as they go to the polls in 2022.

Overview

(Open-ended response, 100-word limit each)

1. Describe your priority issues as a candidate and the steps you will take to implement these priorities if elected.
2. Why are you seeking a rating from AIA? Please describe your past activities and experiences demonstrating allyship with AIA and our members or a track record aligning with regional AIA’s goals and policy priorities.
3. How will you incorporate the priorities and objectives of our members in your campaign and while in office?

Positions on Issues and Legislation

Please indicate your level of support for the following policy priorities of regional architects. (Multiple choice answers may be supplemented by brief comments on your particular actions, platform on the issue).

1. Support the development of affordable housing in New York City. In terms of specific proposals:
 - a) Do you support a five-year capital program?
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
 - b) Do you support affordable housing set-asides that create public funding for developers?
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comments on this issue (up to 100 words)



2. Support the development of temporary and permanent housing for New York City's homeless population.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)

3. Increased funding for mass transit operations and capital projects in and around New York City to support transit-oriented development and greater access to transportation.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)

4. Encourage greater participation of minority and women owned businesses (MWBs) in the design and construction of public works.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)

5. Address funding inequity for capital projects and public space, which is largely responsible for creating historically disadvantaged communities throughout New York City.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)



6. Support alterations to New York City’s design-build procurement policies for capital projects that currently place architects under the supervision of general contractors rather than directly advising and reporting to client agencies and put small businesses at a disadvantage.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)

7. Support New York City’s use of [Qualifications-Based Selection \(QBS\)](#) for design services procurement.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)

8. Support the climate and energy goals of the [Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act](#) specific to the design, building, and construction industry, including an 85% reduction of carbon emissions by 2050, the electrification of buildings, and 70% renewable energy in the grid.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)

9. Support a statewide fossil fuel ban on new construction, as stipulated in the All-Electric Buildings Act ([A8431/S6843](#)), a bill in the New York State Legislature to ban fossil fuel hookups in new buildings starting at the end of 2023.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)



10. Support for the legalization of [accessory dwelling units](#) (ADUs) and/or other methods to increase density throughout New York State to address the housing shortage, housing insecurity, and affordability.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Comment on this issue (up to 100 words)

Status of Campaign

1. How much money has your campaign raised?
2. Who are your primary endorsers? How many endorsements do you have?
3. What is your path to victory in the race?

Additional Information

Please provide any additional information you feel is necessary to assist our members in understanding your support of architects and design. (Open ended response, 150-word limit)

Please return this survey via email to:

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Thank you for your time and consideration

This survey is circulated by three American Institute of Architects Regional Chapters – AIA Brooklyn, AIA Bronx, and AIA New York (Manhattan). Questions about this survey can be directed to: Suzanne Mecs, smecs@aiany.org, Managing Director, AIA New York.