



# Texas Architects Committee

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# Architecture & Advocacy



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# Texas Society of Architects

The **only** organization that represents the interest of architects at the state level policy making.



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## Whom we work with

- Government Affairs Committee
- Registered Lobbyists



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### What TAC pays for:

- Monitor & review legislators
- Review & track bills
- Attend meetings of the Legislature
- Draft position papers
- Monitor opinions of the State Attorney General
- Testify before legislative, regulatory & judicial bodies
- Oversee the Texas Architects Committee



## Texas Architects Committee

The **Texas Architects Committee (TAC)** is a non-profit and unincorporated political action organization of Texas architects.



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TAC promotes **only** the **interest of the architects** and the profession in Texas and raises funds for this purpose, and from such funds to make campaign contributions to those seeking election or re-election to political offices.



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## Issues for 2009 Legislative Session

### Legal

- Indemnification clauses / Higher Education
- Proportionate Responsibility Statute trumping 10 yr Statue of Repose
- Valley Lawsuit Fix / School Districts



## Issues for 2009 Legislative Session

### Sustainability

- High Performance Building Standards
- Sales Tax: Renovations v. New Construction
- Incentives for use of photovoltaic Installations for K-12
- Property Tax exemptions for energy efficient buildings



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## Issues for 2009 Legislative Session

### Practice

- Alternative Project Delivery
- TDLR's 5-day Rule (expanding to 30 days)
- Statewide Stock School Plans
- Hospital Plan Reviews



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## Issues for 2009 Legislative Session

### Service Overlap

- Architectural/Engineering
- Interior Design/Interior Architecture
- Construction Management



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TSA's State Goal is \$193,000  
AIA Austin TAC Goal is \$20,000

We are *nearly* there. We need **your** help to get us over the top!

Email Alan R. Bell AIA ([archtx9@austin.rr.com](mailto:archtx9@austin.rr.com))  
or visit the Chapter office for your TAC  
Contribution Packet



## Texas Architects Committee

Among “learned professionals” PAC’s where do we stand.....there are 105 other PACs, we are 106!

Doctors	\$1M
Trial Lawyers	\$536K
Dentists	\$400K
Optometrists	\$398K
Engineers	\$375K

TAC doesn’t run with these horses, so it’s critical that we build relationships.