



Political Action Committee (PAC) Legislator and Candidate Support Policy

The AIA Virginia Political Action Committee (PAC) is not affiliated with any political party. It is the organization's vehicle to make direct financial contributions and provide other support to legislators and candidates for public office who through political, civic, and other service have exhibited courage, strength of character, high moral purpose, and dedication to the principles of sound government and who are believed to be in general agreement with the objectives of the organization and those engaged in the practice of architecture in Virginia.

The PAC Board of Trustees works in consultation with our retained lobbyist Patrick Cushing, Esq., Hon. AIA Virginia, of Fall Line Strategies, to develop an annual Fundraising and Disbursement Plan.

In general, and as available PAC funds allow, contributions may be made to the following:

- House and Senate Leadership (House Speaker, Majority and Minority Leaders of both Chambers)
- Members of House and Senate General Laws Committees
- Legislators and candidates who have supported important goals and objectives of AIA Virginia
- Legislators who are identified as having significant influence, due to his/her position, in the outcome of AIA Virginia's legislative interests
- House and Senate Democratic Caucuses, House and Senate Republican Caucuses, Joint Democratic Caucus, Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, and other caucuses aligned with the policy goals of AIA Virginia
- Candidates for statewide office
- Events and activities that advance the policy goals of AIA Virginia; e.g., Legislative Receptions during General Assembly Sessions

Typically, the organization does not make PAC contributions to challengers of incumbents. The exception may occur when a member of the AIA is running for the same office.

At the discretion of the PAC Board of Trustees and in consultation with the AIA Virginia Board of Directors and the organization's retained lobbyist, the organization may decide to suspend contributions to a legislator or candidate temporarily or indefinitely for the following reasons, including but not limited to:

- Conduct deemed detrimental to society that may or may not be illegal
- Censure by one's own political party
- Failure to act in a way that demonstrates good ethical and moral character

These circumstances will be addressed on a case-by-case basis as appropriate.

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