



# AIA San Antonio

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## POSITION STATEMENT

### **Adoption of the Consolidation of Building Related Codes Boards & Consolidation of the Various Building Related Administrative Chapters**

The San Antonio Chapter of The American Institute of Architects (AIA San Antonio) supports the City of San Antonio's proposal to consolidate the four building-related and fire codes appellate boards into one balanced appellate board whose members are appointed at large; and the consolidation of the various building-related administrative chapters into one chapter with one set of administrative regulations.

It is AIA San Antonio's understanding that the four separate appellate boards for the building codes have had a difficult time achieving a quorum to these boards to address issues before these boards. Therefore, ***we endorse the proposal for a new appellate board composed of 17 members with Alternate Members to address the issues assigned to this consolidated board.***

At present the administrative regulations, for the building-related codes, are located in Chapters 6, 10, 16 and 24 of the City Codes and the efficiency and effectiveness of consolidating these administrative provisions into one chapter of administrative provisions will greatly improve the process.

In consideration of the challenges that the future board may encounter, the AIA recommends that the following be incorporated as part of the future board.

1. Create a sub-committee structure to address discipline specific technical issues.

AIA San Antonio commends City Staff for their leadership in bringing this issue forward so that the Development Services Department can improve the quality of services it brings to this community.