



Memorandum

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To: AIA Advocates

From: AIA Federal Relations Team

Subject: Copy of Content from the 2022 Lobby Day Event Page Website

Lobby Day 2022: April 13-14

Supporting legislation impacting the architecture profession

April 13 – 14, 2022

9:00am – 5:00pm

Introduction:

AIA Lobby Day 2022 included an Events page on AIA.org with answers to frequently asked questions and links to resources. Now that the event has concluded, the contents of that Events page have been copied into this memo for future reference.

Overview:

What is AIA Lobby Day?

AIA Lobby Day provides architect members with a platform to directly advocate in support of legislation impacting the profession before federal Members of Congress and

Congressional staff. For Lobby Day 2022, the meetings will be a mix of virtual meetings and in-person meetings in the Member of Congress' district office.

Why should architects lobby Congress?

AIA members are a powerful voice for the [values](#) they uphold in their practices each and every day. As natural facilitators and problem-solvers, architects stand ready to support new policies that create a stronger, sustainable, and more equitable society.

How were participants selected?

AIA staff coordinated with AIA Component Executive Directors across the nation to recruit volunteer architect members who are constituents of the Members of Congress who will participate in the meetings. We are strategically meeting with only those Members of Congress who have jurisdiction over each piece of legislation being highlighted during AIA Lobby Day 2022.

Which Members of Congress will AIA members meet with during this year's Lobby Day?

AIA members will be engaging with Members on the following Congressional Committees, which have jurisdiction over both pieces of legislation: the U.S. House [Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure](#), the U.S. House [Committee on Financial Services](#), the U.S. Senate [Committee on Environment and Public Works](#), and the U.S. Senate [Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs](#). AIA members will also be meeting with co-sponsors of both pieces of legislation.

Which legislation will AIA members support during Lobby Day 2022?

We are highlighting two bipartisan pieces of legislation:

- [H.R. 5291](#), the Democracy In Design Act, would ensure that communities across the country maintain a voice in the design of federal buildings consistent with their preferences, topographies, and design traditions.
- [H.R. 3198/S. 1614](#), the Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) Act, which addresses systemic inequities that continue to blight

America's housing and zoning policies. The YIMBY Act is a common-sense approach to require more transparency from communities that receive federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant. By requiring regular and standardized reporting from local jurisdictions on their land use policies, we can promote inclusive zoning and increase affordable housing supply.

➤ **Why does housing inequity matter to architects?**

Reflected in both the AIA's [Policy Platform](#) and [Strategic Plan](#), AIA is unwaveringly committed to equity and confronting the legacy of discriminatory zoning and housing policies on communities, including Black, Indigenous and other populations who have been historically marginalized by deleterious economic disinvestment.

➤ **Why does design freedom matter to architects?**

There is no design style that is inherently more, or less, valuable than any other. AIA [stands firmly against](#) any federal mandate on architectural design.

How AIA members contribute to the campaign if they are not in meetings?

AIA members can share their support for the Democracy In Design Act with their Members of Congress by signing AIA's [online petition](#). AIA members are invited to support citizen architect [Emily Roush-Elliott](#), AIA by tuning into the Up for Growth virtual YIMBY Act panel on which she will champion the efforts of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Knowledge Community. AIA members can also tune in live to watch the kick-off event for 2022 Lobby Day, with remarks from 2022 AIA President Dan Hart, FAIA, and a special message from Congresswoman Dina Titus (D-NV) and Senator Todd Young (R-IN). The kick-off starts at 12:30pm ET, April 13.

Materials

➤ **AIA-member use only**

All Lobby Day 2022 participants should have received a direct email from AIA staff including resources to help advocates through their meetings, including the Congressional meeting guide, talking points, and background document. If any participants did not receive these resources, please contact AIA staff directly at karakempski@aia.org.

- [Yes In My Backyard \(YIMBY\) Act Informational Webinar](#)
- [Lobby Day Social Media Toolkit](#)

➤ **Resources for Congressional staff**

- [Democracy In Design Act Issue Brief](#)
- [Yes In My Backyard \(YIMBY\) Act Issue Brief](#)
- [Democracy In Design Act Petition](#)

➤ **Online Photo Album of 2022 Lobby Day Meetings**

- [Flickr Photo Album](#)