



Architect's interests are being represented on the Hill daily by our professional lobbying team, Fine, Geddie & Associates. Hiring professional representation is the easy part. But, to be effective, you must function in three key areas such as direct lobbying, grassroots contact with legislators and financial support of legislators who share your political philosophy.

To improve our relationship with legislators and policy makers at the grassroots level, each chapter should schedule at least one monthly meeting where their House and Senate members are invited to address the chapter. Such meetings would raise the visibility of the profession and foster better rapport with our elected leaders.



# ArchiPAC

*The Political Voice  
of  
Alabama Architects*

Your financial contribution to *ArchiPAC* will make our political voice stronger.

Collectively, we can have a much stronger influence on Capital Hill through *ArchiPAC*.

*ArchiPAC* is a direct investment in the future of your profession.

Have you given something back to the profession this year?

Architects must get more involved.

Stand Up, Speak Out, Make a Difference.

We need your help. Contribute to *ArchiPAC* today.



Your Membership Dues Investment in AIA Provides the Following Benefits:

- ◆ Full time legislative representation
- ◆ Monitoring of legislation, regulations and legal developments
- ◆ Sponsoring legislation, responding to regulations and filing amicus briefs
- ◆ Legal review of legislation to determine its impact on our profession and our clients
- ◆ Working with allied professional groups with common interests
- ◆ Funding for postage, printing and preparation of timely member communication regarding legislative issues.

## Where Does My Contribution to *ArchiPAC* Go?

- 100% of the money contributed to *ArchiPAC* goes to make direct contributions to candidates for public office.
- *ArchiPAC* makes direct contributions to candidates, which can include Legislators, Judicial candidates, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, as well as local races.

## Who Decides Who *ArchiPAC* Supports?

- The Alabama Council leadership decides which candidates will receive *ArchiPAC* support.
- Every Chapter is represented on the Alabama Council's leadership.
- The actual *ArchiPAC* check will be presented by representatives of the local Chapter when practical.

## How Does *ArchiPAC* Decide Whom to Support?

- The leadership consults with our lobbyist, our staff and Alabama Council members.

## How Much Should I Give?

- Firms can make a corporate contribution to *ArchiPAC*. Alabama law allows corporations to contribute up to \$500 per election cycle to a political action committee. At a minimum, corporations can give \$1,500 per year, but it varies based on the number of state and local elections held each year. As of June 1st, the limit is up to \$10,000 already for 2005. There is no limit on the amount of money an individual can give a PAC.
- Our goal is to raise \$50,000 per year. That's less than \$100 per member.

## What Elections Are Upcoming?

- In June of 2005, legislative candidates can start raising funds for their campaigns. The next major statewide elections are slated for June of 2006. Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, all Legislative seats and all constitutional officers will be up for election.
- The majority of the seats on the Alabama Supreme Court (Five of Nine Seats) and the majority of the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals (Three of Five Seats) will be up for election.

### Election Dates:

Primary: June 6, 2006  
Run-Off: June 27, 2006  
General: November 7, 2006

Please send in your contribution today!



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*ArchiPAC* Alabama was formed by the Alabama Council in 1993 to fund legislative and regulatory initiatives affecting architects and to help protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public regarding our built environment.

*ArchiPAC* Alabama has provided the financial resources for our profession's participation in coalitions to oppose and/or promote legislative and regulatory changes which impact consumers of architecture and the practice of architecture.