

As we proceed through the dog days of summer, we are reminded of the ongoing discussions about climate change. As Michiganders I think that we can safely say that we are faced with fewer climate challenges than many other states. Our temperatures may be uncomfortable through July and August, but they are followed by the fall season and in my opinion the best season of the year. There is an abundance of fresh water. We have never seen the likes of a hurricane or felt anything like the recent temperature records of the Southwest (130° in Death Valley?) Yes, our winters are cold but nothing like experienced while I lived in Minnesota. So it is no wonder that when we converse with other AIA state leaders, they seem to be light years ahead of Michigan in discussions about energy conservation and sustainability.

Currently Michigan is governed by the 2015 International Energy conservation Code and the 20-- version of ASHRAE 90.1. This is in essence one full generation behind the current code sequence. Recently Governor Whitmer requested that The Construction Codes division of LARA open the commercial and residential energy codes for review and updates. Hence there is an opportunity to adopt the current Energy Code which is the 2021 version. This would in essence skip one generation and bring Michigan to the current code and standards.

AIA Michigan has sent a letter of support to LARA to indicate its support of the adoption of these newest versions of the codes. We also hope to be able to provide support to the architecture and construction community to provide educational programs- indicating the highlights and differences between this version and previous ones. More information will follow from the government affairs committee and through the Monday Minutes. We hope that you will assist with support for these changes.

Regards,



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