



A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

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Peter Park
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Dear Peter,

On June 4, during the week that the initial draft of the new zoning code was released, the AIA Denver board of directors was fortunate enough to hear a short presentation on the new code by Tyler Gibbs, Brad Buchanan and Tina Axelrad. Their presentation, and the discussion that followed, was very informative, and the board of directors is looking forward to the implementation of the new code.

At this meeting, the board indicated that, with the help of several of our AIA Denver committees, we would review the draft code and respond with comments on behalf of our more than 1,000 architect-members currently living and working in the City of Denver. We have now had the time to better digest the full breadth and depth of the very complex initiative that the City has undertaken. You, the City Zoning Team and the Zoning Task Force have all of our respect, and will have our support, in your effort.

Several AIA members are in the process of testing the new code on past, present and future planning submittals of real projects. Since AIA-member architects will be some of the most regular users of the code, we feel that this will be well worth the efforts of everyone involved; however, it will take time to complete.

We would like to propose a meeting with you and other members of your zoning team in September to review these case studies and make recommendations for adjustments to the draft code based on our findings. Our members are uniquely qualified to assess the implications of the new code on real-world projects, and we would very much appreciate an audience with you and your team to discuss our findings.

We understand how busy you and your colleagues must be, but we believe that you will find the input of our members valuable as you move forward with subsequent drafts of the code.

I will follow up to this letter with a phone call shortly, and hope to talk with you soon.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Carr', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steve Carr, AIA
AIA Denver 2009 President

cc: The Honorable Mayor John Hickenlooper; Tyler Gibbs, AIA

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