

Why do Architects love and study historic Architecture but, will work for clients who tear down some of the best examples of History and historic Architecture...? It amazes me. The Architects are afraid to say anything publically because they are afraid they will get on someone's black list. They think (in their conservative engineering minds) they will not get the next job because of their political stand.

I have found that standing up for what you believe in...good design, good urban design, restoration and renovation of historic buildings and urban fabric has made and perpetuated my Architectural practice and my career. Every one of my opponents (won or lost) now respect my fighting against them.

I have found the black list or any publicity (good or bad) grows your reputation as a good citizen and Architect.

You must get out in the public. Volunteer to help the struggling neighborhoods and downtowns. Get out of your houses, backyards, and get on the streets. Get to the public meetings. Speak up and out. Study with the best to learn what to do to improve the city or small town. Help someone other than yourself.

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