

# Committee on the Environment

an **AIA** Knowledge Community



Image: Global Climate Action Summit



**Dear COTE colleagues,**

A shift is underway, both at AIA and far beyond, toward new policies and initiatives that will bring us closer to adapting to our changing climate.

The Global Climate Action Summit convened in September San Francisco and engaged people all over the world. An AIA delegation including COTE leaders participated throughout the week. [Read more >](#)



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## Going to Greenbuild?

If you will be at Greenbuild this November, you are no doubt already struggling to choose among the many sessions and tours. COTE has gathered a list of a few that are being led by COTE folks, for your consideration. Also, a COTE gathering is in the works. More information to come soon! [View the sessions >](#)

## AIA Board strengthens “Obligations to the Environment” for members

*by Mike Davis, FAIA*

In their September 2018 meeting, the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects approved a number of amendments to the AIA's Code of Ethics. Among them were changes that make sustainable design more explicitly an ethical imperative for all AIA Members. [Read more >](#)

## COTE Around the Country

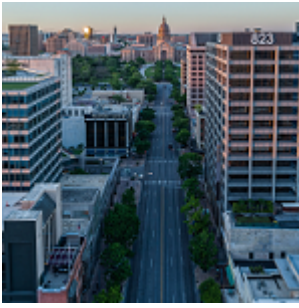
### Outside the circle: Broadening our view of sustainable design

*by Corey Squire, AIA and Helena Zambrano, AIA*

AIA San Antonio COTE hosted a lecture series dedicated to getting architects to think beyond the profession's usual domain. [Read more >](#)

## Where sustainability meets prosperity

*by Kathleen O'Donnell | Architect*



Austin, Texas—the fastest-growing city in the country—is a shining example of how sustainability can contribute to the development and growth of a city. [Read more >](#)



### **5 ways healthier materials will enhance your business**

The AIA Healthier Materials Protocol is a first of its kind guide that can help you better understand risk and create healthier materials plans for clients. The protocol meets you where you are, whether you're a sustainability expert or simply have a passion for design that is safer for people and the planet. [Read more >](#)

### **AIA COTE recommended resources**

**Climate Fwd:** Stay on top of climate change developments with this newsletter from the New York Times. [Sign up >](#)

### **Calendar**

#### **Call for Advisory Group nominations is open**

Nominations due October 19 by 5pm ET

COTE's mission continues to grow in importance in light of recent events along with AIA's renewed sustainability commitment. It's a great time to be involved with COTE! [Learn more >](#)

### **Climate Adaptive Design - Where Building Science Meets Climate Science**

November 1-2, Asheville, North Carolina

AIA's Asheville Section continues its Climate Adaptive Design series with the symposium "Deep Retrofit" – renovation of existing buildings to promote sustainable design. [Register >](#)

### **AIA 2030 DDx Focus Groups**

November 13, Chicago

Going to Greenbuild? AIA is looking for volunteers with a range of DDx experience to provide feedback at the offices of SOM in Chicago for one of three approximately 90 minute time slots. [Register >](#)

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