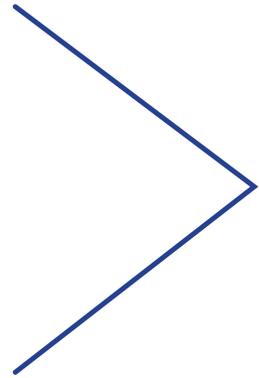


In its **30th** year in 2020 and mindful of climate urgency and AIA's evolution, along with the landscape of pandemic, recession, and reckoning around justice throughout society, COTE retooled its mission and mapped priorities for the coming years.

Looking ahead as we mobilize design for climate action and justice—a better future for all.

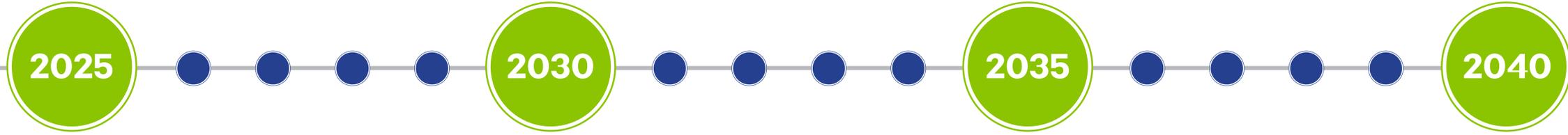


MISSION

The Committee on the Environment (COTE) is an AIA Knowledge Community working for architects, allied professionals, and the public to achieve climate action and climate justice through design. We believe that design excellence is the foundation of a healthy, sustainable, and equitable future. Our work promotes design strategies that empower all AIA members to realize the best social and environmental outcomes with the clients and the communities they serve.

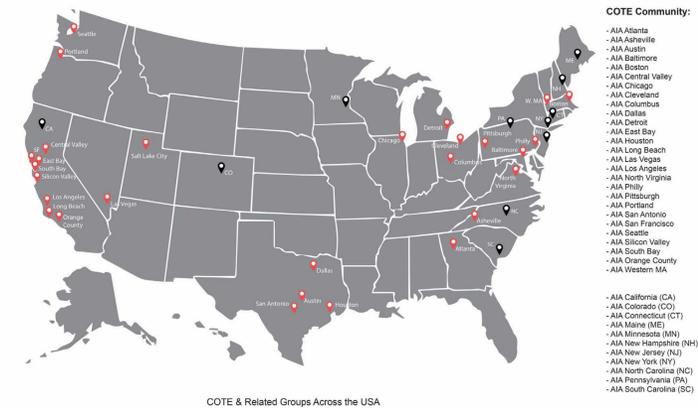
GOALS

- We COLLABORATE.**
COTE will expand its partnerships, actively listen, and act collectively.
- We ENABLE transformation.**
COTE will help architects transform their practices for climate action and climate justice.
- We CHRONICLE design excellence.**
COTE will elevate stories about people, buildings, and positive change.
- We ADVOCATE for change.**
COTE will promote policies that advance the AIA's mission and ours.
- We STRENGTHEN our network.**
COTE will connect and empower the COTE community and allies.



“All people have a role to play in sustaining meaningful climate action. Architects are natural leaders in this area because of our fundamental commitment to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the society we serve. That commitment confers a responsibility to do what we can, be it small or large, to combat the climate crisis.”

- Robert Ivy, FAIA
EVP/CEO American Institute of Architects
- Jane Frederick, FAIA
2020 President American Institute of Architects



The COTE Network is made up of nearly 50 local and state groups operating at the component level.

