



**INTERIOR
DESIGN
COALITION OF
CALIFORNIA**

Legislative Position Paper

Our primary long-term goal is to have a law with permitting privileges that allows voluntary registration for interior designers. This would create a method where interior designers are recognized in the built environment as professionals with full legal recognition to stamp and seal construction drawings for non-structural and non-seismic plan. This would ensure that all aspects of interior design can flourish while creating a voluntary path for interior designers to work in the built environment.

The legal framework that impacts interior design hasn't evolved as fast as the profession. A new segment of interior design is being created. IDCC is working towards this goal of registration for interior designers because in 2004 the Coalition conducted a statewide Survey, which proved by an overwhelming majority of the more than 2,000 respondents that there is a desire for legal recognition of interior designers and the broader scope of services they provide. Therefore, IDCC introduced a practice act in SB1312 to support the desires of interior designers statewide. Our ongoing commitment is to present another bill when the political climate is more conducive to our proposal.

There is currently certification by a private company, the California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC). This certification only protects the title Certified Interior Designer. There are limitations since interior designers officially have the same standing as the general public in governmental agencies.

Many aspects of interior design overlap with the legal definition of architecture. Interior design falls under the exemption for the general public in the California architect's law because interior designers are not a legally recognized profession.

The Coalition has continued to speak and educate while reaching out to the various sectors of the design community. Interior designers need to have a state registration that implements a law that will ensure the protection of the public and interior designers right to work to our fullest capacity with a scope of work definition in law.

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