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January 31, 2017

The Honorable Sam Kito
Room 403, State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: House Bill No. 48, By Representative Kito, Letter of Support

Dear Representative Kito:

The Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC) is a non-profit corporation in the State of Alaska, formed in 2004, to coordinate and complement the efforts of its professional design society members, especially in area of public policy and education. Our members are listed in the left column of this letter. These societies represent Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, and Interior Design professionals working in Alaska.

APDC appreciates and approves your efforts in sponsoring House Bill No. 48, an act relating to the composition of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (Board); extending the termination date of said Board; and providing for an effective date.

The Board was created to administer the statutes and regulations related practices of Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects; and to comply with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedures Act). Without extending the termination date, the Board will cease to existing putting the safe design practices of the State of Alaska at risk. Additionally, the Board includes one temporary, non-voting Landscape Architect. Considering the State Statutes include the profession of Landscape Architect, we support the provisions of the Bill, making this Board position permanent and voting.

APDC fully supports House Bill No.48. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at (907) 646-5634.

Sincerely,

D. Michael Rabe, PE
APDC President



February 2, 2016

Representative Sam Kito III
State Capitol Room 403
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Kito:

On behalf of the over 15,000 members of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), I write to express our full support for HB 48, which would extend the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) until 2025, and would institute a permanent voting seat for the board's landscape architect representative.

State licensing boards provide essential public health, safety, and welfare protections through the enforcement of applicable statutes and regulations. All 50 states regulate landscape architects, and of those with multidisciplinary boards, Alaska is the only state where the landscape architect representative(s) is not a permanent voting member. We firmly believe that a well-structured multidisciplinary licensing board should include permanent seats for the design professions regulated in the state. While throughout the past 17 years a landscape architect has participated as a nonpermanent, nonvoting member of AELS, this legislation would remove that barrier and provide a stronger, more effective voice for the landscape architecture profession, whose activities significantly affect the public, including:

- providing stormwater solutions that effectively manage water to minimize runoff, improve water quality, control erosion, and eliminate safety hazards
- creating designs—whether a streetscape, public plaza, campus, park, or playground—that safely coordinate all uses of a site to avoid injuries and reduce the threat of crime
- ensuring roads, parking lots, medians, and other transportation elements safeguard driver and pedestrian safety, are accessible to people with disabilities, and also provide environmental and community benefits.

Thank you for sponsoring this important piece of legislation. HB 48 makes crucial progress in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the state's 740,000 residents and the 2,000,000 who visit annually.

Respectfully,

Nancy C. Somerville, Hon. ASLA
Executive Vice President/CEO

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Representative Sam Kito III
State Capitol Room 403
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February 01, 2017

Dear Representative. Kito III,

The Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects represents 55+ licensed Landscape Architects through out the State of Alaska. I am the President of the Alaska Chapter and writing to you regarding House Bill 48. The Chapter supports House Bill 48 reauthorizing the Board of Architects Engineers and Land Surveyors (AELS) and making the Landscape Architect position on the Board a permanent voting seat.

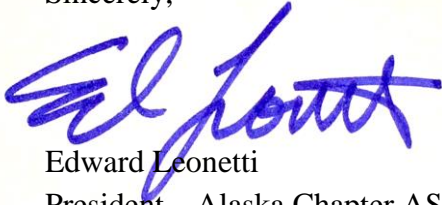
The Alaska Chapter has been a professional non profit organization supporting Landscape Architecture in the State since 1978. Landscape Architecture is different than any of the other professions and the AELS board is aided by the input from the permanent voting Landscape Architect seat. Landscape Architects have been a licensed profession in the State since 1999. We have been a non-voting seat on the AELS board since licensure.

Having a Landscape Architect on the board as a permanent, voting member ensures that a professional landscape architect is available to provide guidance to the State as to what constitutes reasonable professional standard. This ensures that those who practice the profession have the technical expertise to avoid creating public health, safety and welfare issues.

The AELS board is fully funded through registration fees and, as professionals licensed in the State, Landscape Architects have paid licensing fees since 1999 and would continue to do so with HB 48. The change of a Landscape Architect to a permanent voting seat would not result in any additional cost to the State.

Thank you for you sponsoring House Bill 48 and we look forward to your continued support for Landscape Architecture in Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Leonetti", is written over a light yellow rectangular background.

Edward Leonetti

President – Alaska Chapter ASLA

From: [Michele Elfers](#)
To: [Michele Elfers](#)
Subject: FW: AELS Sunset Bill and Permanent Voting Seat for LA's
Date: Friday, February 03, 2017 7:33:47 AM

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From: **Burt Lent** <g3d@gci.net>
Date: Fri, Feb 3, 2017 at 1:20 AM
Subject: RE: AELS Sunset Bill and Permanent Voting Seat for LA's
To: Michele Elfers <michele@alaskaflyfishinggoods.com>
Cc: luanneu@sdg-ak.com

Dear Michele Elfers:

Thanks for your request, Michele, in the letter below. As you know, I am no longer a member of the AELS Board because my term ran out. So my letter is brief, as an interested private citizen. I refer, only, to the fact that I supported the permanent voting seat provision while on the Board and testified on the Board's behalf to that effect. I am retired now but I still strongly support that change and urge that it be approved by the Legislature. I am e-mailing you and Luanne Urfer, current LA Board Member, copies of this statement.

Please feel free to forward this to House Representative Kito, the current Chairman of the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Regards to all from Burt Lent,

Burdett B. Lent,
Alaska Retired Landscape Architect, formerly Alaska registrant 10146.
Former AELS Board Landscape Architect Member

February 3, 2017

Representative Sam Kito
House Labor & Commerce Committee, Chair
State Capitol Room 503
Juneau AK, 99801-1182

Delivered via email: Rep.Sam.Kito.III@akleg.gov

RE: Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers & Land Surveyors & House Bill 48

Dear Representative Kito :

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers & Land Surveyors (AELS Board) has a sunset provision date effective June 30, 2017 and we would like to voice our support for HB 48 which extends the termination date of the Board. The registration of qualified architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects benefits the public's health, safety, and welfare.

In addition, the Landscape Architect Board position has been maintained on the AELS Board as a non-permanent, non-voting seat for the last 17 years. We support the inclusion of a full time and voting Landscape Architect Board position. This proposal would not increase the Board's budget as this is not a new position on the Board.

We request your support for HB 48 to extend the termination date for the Board with the inclusion of a full time and voting Landscape Architect Board position.

Thank you for considering our position on this matter.

Sincerely,



John Pekar, PE
Alaska Society of Professional Engineers, APDC Representative

Cc: Dale Nelson, Alaska Professional Design Council, LLC Committee Chair



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Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Representative Sam Kito
State Capitol Room 403
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Sam Kito,

The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) supports changing the Alaska AELS Landscape Architect's position from a non-voting to a permanent, voting position. This view is consistent with those expressed in several previous letters provided to your legislature during the past six years.

We believe that the public interest is best served through balanced and comprehensive representation of all regulated professions. Changing the position from a non-voting to a voting seat would allow all landscape architect registrants and applicants for licensure a direct link to the AELS Board and provide an active voice for these constituents.

Further, it is our understanding that this recommendation is consistent with a 2016 state legislative audit and a subsequent recommendation by the AELS Board.

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher B. Hoffman".

Christopher B. Hoffman, PLA, ASLA
CLARB President

cc: Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors