

SPECIAL NOTE TO CALCHAPTER VOTING MEMBERS

Registration of Planners in the State of California is a vital issue affecting the future of planning in the State, and perhaps the most important project undertaken by CalChapter in recent years. The Committee has attempted to prepare a statute that represents the best thinking of Committee members and the Institute. The ballot that is being sent with this report requires two "yes" or "no" answers, and you must decide on the basic question of registration. I hope that each of you will consider the advantages and disadvantages of registration carefully, and that all of you will vote on both questions.

If you have any comments or suggestions on registration of planners in general, or on the third draft specifically, please send a separate letter to Robert L. Williams, President, California Chapter, American Institute of Planners, c/o Alameda County Planning Commission, 224 W. Winton Avenue, Hayward, California.

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REPORT TO
CALIFORNIA CHAPTER --A-- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS

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COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION OF PLANNERS

Registration of planners in California has been considered almost continuously for more than six years. A "second draft" of proposed legislation was submitted for balloting by A.I.P. members early in 1959 and it was approved by 68.9% of the eligible members voting. At its 1960 Annual Meeting in Oakland-Berkeley, the California Chapter membership approved a motion to review the registration bill for planners, to submit the revised bill to the full membership for balloting, and if 2/3 approval was achieved, to submit a bill to the 1961 session of the Legislature.

In March a statewide Committee was appointed to review the "second draft" and to prepare for Chapter balloting. We have taken the following action:

- (1) Submitted the "second draft" to Institute headquarters for review and comment. Mr. Robert M. Griffin, Jr., Director of Professional Affairs, recommended that the draft be revised in several important respects because it did not conform to national policies. He offered many constructive suggestions for improvement and forwarded several related Institute papers that were helpful to the Committee.
- (2) Arranged discussions of the "second draft" and the general issue of registration of planners at meetings of the Northern, Central, and Southern sections.
- (3) Contacted representatives of professional organizations in California (Engineers, Architects, and Landscape Architects) to obtain their suggestions and to solicit their support.
- (4) Prepared a "third draft" of a California Planners Registration Act based upon the comments from Institute headquarters, the Section discussions, and the Committee's deliberations.
- (5) Submitted the "third draft" to the Institute for further comments and made several additional modifications.

The work of our Committee was limited to preparation of a revised registration bill that reflected the best thinking of the Chapter members, the Institute staff, and the Committee. We did not explore the arguments for or against registration of planners per se.

If the registration bill receives approval by 2/3 of the members of the Chapter, we recommend that three additional steps be taken:

- (1) That liaison work with other professional groups be completed, and,
- (2) That the bill be submitted to the Institute Board of Governors at its October meeting in Philadelphia with the request that it be approved, and,
- (3) That the specific bill be subject to continuing review by the Executive Board after recommendations from legal counsel, from the Board of Governors, and from Chapter members, and,
- (4) That a vigorous campaign to have the bill introduced and passed at the 1961 Session of the Legislature be developed and carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosed: Third Draft - California Planners Registration
Act Ballot

1962 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

December 12, 1962

In 1962, the conflict between CalChapter's position on registration of planners and national A.I.P. policy on this subject continued to be a major obstacle blocking the Chapter's efforts to promote registration legislation in California. It has been the Chapter's position to seek registration of the title and licensing of practice of city and regional planning in this State. National A.I.P. policy approves of the registration of title but does not approve of licensing of practice "except as a defensive measure where the right of planners to practice planning is being threatened by another profession." To date, no Executive Board of CalChapter has been willing to support a legislative campaign to enact a registration law contrary to the national policy of the Institute.

A large share of the work of the Registration Committee in 1962, as well as in 1961, has been focused on this problem. The Committee was instrumental in the Chapter's efforts to have a national poll on registration conducted by the Institute. It has been the hope that results of the poll would move the Board of Governors to modify its policy on registration by removing the "prohibition" against licensing of practice, thereby permitting greater freedom of choice by Chapters as to the scope and content of registration legislation.

CalChapter recommended that the poll be conducted in the Spring of 1962, and the results tabulated before the national A.I.P. Conference in Los Angeles in October. Based on this time schedule, it was contemplated that the Board of Governors would review its policy on registration at the Conference, and perhaps pave the way for the Chapter to begin intensive planning for a legislative campaign in 1963. As we know, the poll was not conducted in the Spring of 1962, and, in fact, was not authorized until October. As a consequence, the Board of Governors did not come to grips with the registration question at the Los Angeles Conference.

Since the national A.I.P. policy on registration to date remains unchanged, a decision as to whether registration legislation should be introduced in California contrary to such policy has been thrust upon the Executive Board of CalChapter. Prior to the A.I.P. Conference in October, the Registration Committee had unanimously recommended to the Board that such legislation be introduced in the 1963 session of the legislature, contrary to national A.I.P. policy if necessary. When the Board took up the Committee's recommendation, no decision was reached, but the Committee was requested to do further work and report to the Board at a meeting on January 12, 1963. The Board's assignment to the Committee was as follows:

1. Prepare recommendations on a legislative campaign, and investigate probable costs of such a campaign.
2. Have the "third draft" of the proposed "California Planner's Registration Act" reviewed by legal counsel.
3. Make new contacts with the appropriate representatives of "related" professional organizations (architects, landscape architects, engineers, attorneys), and endeavor to determine what degree of support or opposition may be expected from each organization.
4. Consult further with the State Department of Professional and Vocational Standards.
5. Confer with General Counsels for the County Supervisors Association and the League of California Cities to determine if the support of these two organizations can be obtained.

6. Make arrangements with a State legislator (or legislators) to sponsor our Bill.

As of this writing, the foregoing work is being done, and a report thereon to the Executive Board for its meeting on January 12, 1963, is being prepared. It is expected that announcement of the Board's decision on the registration question will be made at the annual meeting of CalChapter in February.

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