



Ohio Sunset Review Committee  
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

Additional notes

## Kobe, Amy

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**From:** jamesdsmith11@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2016 12:22 PM  
**To:** Happ, Stephanie  
**Cc:** Kobe, Amy  
**Subject:** Re: ARCHITECT INTERIM CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION FOR OHIO

Thank you, Stephanie. That is the fastest I have ever received a new license in my 30 year career !! Another state just took two months !  
You are VERY efficient !!

Jim Smith

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**From:** "Stephanie Happ" <Stephanie.Happ@arc.ohio.gov>  
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**Cc:** "amy kobe" <amy.kobe@arc.ohio.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2016 12:01:03 PM  
**Subject:** ARCHITECT INTERIM CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION FOR OHIO

Good afternoon James,

You have been issued registration by reciprocity in the state of Ohio. Please find attached, your interim certificate of qualification, which contains your registration number along with some documents regarding practicing in the state of Ohio.

If you have any questions, please notify the board office.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie A. Happ*

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January 14, 2016

Senator Kris Jordan (District 19)  
Chairman, Ohio Sunset Review Committee  
Senate Building, 1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 466-8086

Dear Chairman Jordan,

On behalf of the Ohio Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (OCASLA) Executive Committee and our membership, I would like to express our opposition to the combination of the Ohio Landscape Architects Board and the Architects Board. This proposal threatens the future and the livelihood of our profession within our state, and would inhibit our ability to attract small businesses to Ohio as well as promote young talented professionals to locate here.

Landscape Architecture has a distinctly separate scope of practice from Architecture. It is licensed by examination under a wide range of subjects including site grading, stormwater management, community development planning, and land and water conservation planning to name a few. These examples are clearly items that are beyond the scope of Architecture and should require specific Landscape Architectural training to help provide guidance and regulation.

We have already taken measures to operate more efficiently by sharing an administrative office which supports both boards with one budget and one staff. Any savings by merging the actual functions of the boards themselves has already been achieved by our continued efforts to minimize waste and promote efficiency in our joint operations. Based on a recent inquiry from the Legislative Service Commission, the compensation and travel expenses of the Landscape Architects Board members would equate to a savings to the state amounting to just under \$2,968.00. In addition, the Landscape Architects Board is not a part of the General Revenue Fund and is self-supporting using solely the fees acquired through licensure dues, firm registrations, etc.

The health, safety and welfare of the public is best served when the policy decisions and enforcement cases are decided by each individual profession, not when one profession makes decisions for another affecting our ability to practice. It is critical that Landscape Architects play a role in the regulation of our profession as we are most qualified to determine if there has been a breach of professional responsibility.

Thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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# AIA Ohio

Feb. 1, 2016

Senator Kris Jordan  
Chairman, Ohio Sunset Review Committee  
Senate Building, 1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Jordan:

The Ohio component of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Ohio) would like to express its opposition to combining the Ohio Architects Board with the Ohio Landscape Architect's Board. The AIA strongly supports the concept of single discipline boards to license architects.

We do not believe that members of either group possess the requisite knowledge to render informed decisions regarding the subtleties of the other profession. Their scopes of practice are dissimilar in many ways. We believe that only architects are qualified to make decisions in matters of professional responsibility or in matters related to public health, safety and welfare.

Finally, we believe the separate operation of these boards is both efficient and cost effective. Their currently shared administrative functions (office, equipment, budget, website, staff, etc.) allow maximum efficiencies.

We encourage you and your Committee to continue the status quo.

Thank you for your attention and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gregg Strollo, AIA  
President