



November 3, 2023

Justin Guedel
General Counsel
Indiana Department of Homeland Security
302 W Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Guedel:

I am writing to recommend John Hawkins, AIA be appointed to the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Building Code Update Committee.

Mr. Hawkins is a former Chair of the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission from 2013-2017 and served as a member of the Commission from 2005-2012. He is recognized statewide as an expert in matters pertaining to building codes. He is arguably more experienced in dealing with Indiana building code matters than anyone else in the state and brings a common-sense approach to these type issues. AIA Indiana is grateful he has agreed to serve if selected.

Mr. Hawkins was a founding partner of Kovert Hawkins Architects in 1985. Since beginning the firm, he has personally designed or managed over 2,000 projects with a construction value over \$1 billion, several receiving awards for quality and innovative design. Mr. Hawkins prior experience includes serving as a Senior Project Architect with Humana, Inc. where he was responsible for all design work for thirteen hospitals in seven states. He attended the Ball State University, College of Architecture, with a full academic scholarship. He also received the University's History award for academic excellence in Architectural History.

On a personal level, John Hawkins, AIA is thoughtful, fair, and serious and has the public interest in mind when it comes to decisions to be made regarding Indiana's built environment. He is a tremendous candidate to serve on the Building Code Update Committee and I urge your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jason Shelley'.

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