

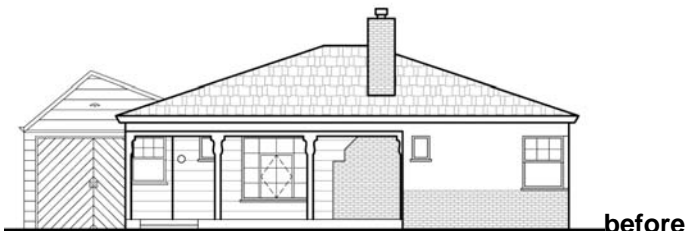
AIACV Design Review Task Force

Do you have concerns, thoughts, project experiences, or ideas regarding Design Review? If you do architectural design, you are aware of a growing use of design review in our region – newly adopted processes for example in the County of Sacramento, West Sacramento, and the City's McMansion ordinance, are added to the long standing City design review program. Have you any concerns or personal experience with architectural projects being “designed by committee” on the fly during commission hearings by added conditions of approval; or projects being “designed by staff” during permit processing; or projects being “*improved*” by added requirements and conditions during entitlement processing? How can design be regulated, without stifling creativity, innovation, and diversity in architecture? Can we help break our communities away from insisting that context be based on ‘emulation’ to embrace the richer and more vital contextual approaches of ‘reinterpret and contrast’.

This is the time to invest some small measure of your time and energy! Join a Newly Forming Task Force that will have as it's charge to identify and tackle these issues and use the power and influence of the 800 plus strong AIACV organization to effect change. I believe **we must define success of our organization in part by our passionate defense of our member architects ability to create designs that are efficient AND delightful – DESIGN THAT MATTERS!**



This completed second story addition triggered review as a “McMansion” and was subject to special design review with the associated costs and delays





Example: This proposed second story was considered a “McMansion” subject to design review with the associated costs and delays

Proposed staff conditions for ‘approval’ included moving the original front door location, removing the 50+ year old redwood siding at the porch changing the dormers to ‘shingle siding’ and changing the siding at the gable ends to ‘shingles’