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Trish Rodriguez and LATC Board,

Please accept the following public comments regarding 8/4/2021 LATC meeting Agenda Item N - ***Discuss and Possible Action on 2019-2021 Strategic Plan Objectives to 1. Research the need for continuing education for licensees through LATC, the ASLA or other organizations to better protect the health, safety and welfare of consumers.***

Comments:

1. If the Board has record of disciplinary action taken against landscape architects in the state, which can be tied to a lack of continuing education – then that might warrant a consideration of CE. Please report on documented disciplinary action which has been taken against L. Ars recently.
2. The market-place alone tends to necessitate that professionals stay current on practices, standards and policies so if you take a poll of licensed landscape architects prior to formalizing your decision on CE you might find that most take CE without them being required or mandated.
3. Nationally the ASLA Licensure and Advocacy Committee together with CLARB and CELA are evaluating how to remove barriers to licensure. Please connect with these organizations about whether an additional requirement like mandating CEs would be characterized as a barrier.
4. If we decide we need to mandate CEs then please also evaluate the costs to the LATC/CAB for tracking and enforcement, and whether cost will be passed on to license holders. Cost will be important to our licensed professionals and can also become a barrier.

-Joy Lyndes, FASLA
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