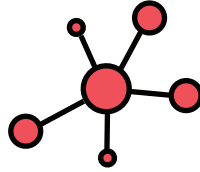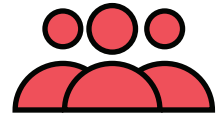# value of
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Architects are **uniquely positioned** to assist with the many challenges facing our communities and **are a valuable resource** for elected officials confronted with them on a daily basis.
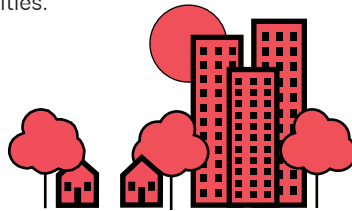


## Connect

Local leaders can benefit from the **community involvement** of local architects when considering the design, connectivity, and growth challenges of changing cities.
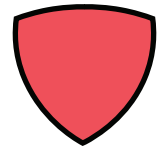


## Lead + Advise

Local architects **serve as community leaders, trusted advisors, and valuable partners** who can help make smart, informed decisions that can achieve the city's goals and save taxpayer dollars.



## Design

Architects play a crucial role through **the power of design** when planning a zero-carbon, equitable, resilient, and healthy built environment.



## Protect

Local architects **prioritize the protection of the health, safety, and welfare** of the public.

## The Ask

**Support the presence of a local architect** who can assist local government staff in multiple ways, including strategic urban design visioning, equitable design strategies, resilience requirements, public space programming, and serve as the city's technical expert.

**Support creating affordable housing** that supports health and well-being for all people, considering physical, mental, and emotional effects.

**Support safe and equitable development,** investment in housing and infrastructure, transit-oriented development, multimodal streets, and reformed Opportunity Zones.

**Support investment in the community and civic infrastructure,** including the renovation and development of schools, hospitals, and other civic buildings.



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**About AIA Cincinnati**

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