



LEARNING ABOUT YOUR LEGISLATORS

One of the first and most important steps to becoming an effective advocate is to research and learn about the legislators you are trying to influence. Uncovering background information, legislative activities, and personal details about decision makers could be key to achieving your policy goals.

Background Information: Use [ASLA's iAdvocate Network](#) to identify your **federal** legislators.

Enter your address and zip code to access the full list of your federal and state legislators. Click on the federal legislator's name to find basic personal, political, staff, and contact information.

- Legislator's Name
- Office
- What other elected positions have the legislator held in the past?
- Research personal information — education, professional organizations, hobbies, etc.
- What are the legislators' committee assignments? Is your legislator on Senate Environment and Public Works? Or House Transportation and Infrastructure?
- Use [this website](#) to learn if your legislator is leaving Congress after this year.

Priority Issues: Visit your legislator's website to learn about their priority legislative issues, activities in the congressional district or state, news and press releases, and more. For House of Representatives use last name + House.gov, i.e. Titus.House.gov. For Senate use last name + Senate.gov, i.e. Fischer.Senate.gov.

- What are the top 3 policy issues for this legislator?
- What is the legislator's position/stance on ASLA's key priorities:
 - Active Transportation
 - Climate Resiliency and Biodiversity
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Water and Stormwater Management

Legislative Information: Use [Congress.gov](#) to locate legislation and other activities relevant to your legislators.

- What bills did your legislator introduce? Cosponsor?
- Is your legislator a cosponsor of the [Revitalizing America's Schoolyards Act](#) (S.4258, H.R. 8303)?
- Is your legislator a cosponsor of the [Complete Streets Act of 2025](#) (H.R. 3712, S.1953)?

The District or State:

- What cities and towns are included in the legislators' district/state? This information may help you identify landscape architecture projects in the legislator's district/state?
- What are the legislators' key constituent activities in the congressional district — ribbon cuttings, parades, infrastructure project visits, Town Halls?

Your Personal Connections: While researching your legislation and policy makers, you may discover that you have a personal connection to your legislators — you attended the same college, you both are cyclists or hikers, or you connect on social media and other outlets. These personal connections can be conversation icebreakers, or a tool to help the legislator understand landscape architecture.

- Do you have a personal connection with the legislator? School, church, community organizations, other?
- Do you receive newsletters or other official correspondence from the legislator?
- Do you participate in the legislator's town hall meetings?
- Do you have mutual social media connections, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram?