Evening Program:
The 2016 Title 24 Part 6: Energy Code Standards are Here and What is Coming!

Join us to hear about the current energy code compliance changes and what is coming as we head toward Net Zero Energy (NZE) in 2020 for residential new construction and NZE for new commercial construction in 2030.

Presented by: Dave Hegarty, President of DuctTesters
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Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: AIA/SFV Chapter Office, 5121 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
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Dave Hegarty has been performing duct tests, energy consulting and Title 24 expertise since 1998. He officially founded DuctTesters, Inc. in 2004. Dave is licensed and certified by CalCERTS, CHEERS, BPI, LEED, HERS, HERS II, GreenPoint Rated, NGBS, and Thermographer. Dave's certifications include: 2016, 2013 & 2008 Residential and Non-Residential New Construction, Residential and Non-Residential Alterations, Whole House Rater, RCA 2, RCA 1, EnergyStar, EEM, undefined, and Photovoltaic (Solar Electric). Dave is a past recipient winner of being the GreenPoint Rater of the Year.

Dave began his energy consulting career active in the RCP Program (Residential Contractors Program) and continued further by obtaining CHEERS (California Home Energy Efficiency Rating Services) Certifications. A few years later, he began participating and training with the CBPCA's (California Building Performance Contractors Association). Dave has trained and taught Title 24, HERS, and Energy Consulting classes for contractors, developers, municipalities, and other jurisdictions. His deep passion for learning about building compliance and energy efficiency shows when he guides others to understanding and meeting/exceeding compliance.

Prior to DuctTesters, he was manager of a HVAC contractor, including management of the sales and the installation crews. Dave worked with wholesale equipment suppliers and manufacturers. He has a strong passion for professional energy consulting, quality testing, and building compliance. He takes pride in helping others interested in understanding their contribution and how it fits into the larger picture, now and for the future.

Dave is continuously active in several Building and Energy Associations and Organizations, staying up to date and knowledgeable about ongoing and future regulations, rebates, products, and technology.

Dave also sits on the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Code Compliance Planning Committee for the 2019 energy code. The 2019 Code is the energy code standards to meet our 2020 Net Zero Energy goal for all new residential construction. Dave will also touch on what is coming for 2019 Energy Code Compliance.

Feel free to bring any energy code compliance questions to this event.
How do I begin to say goodbye to friends and colleagues who have been so spectacular throughout the years? The opportunity to become executive director—as a small part time job—was too good to pass up at a time when I needed flexibility in my life. My husband, Michael was travelling a lot and I had a child at home who needed tending. Where else could I get a position that would suit my needs for a year or so that let me set my own hours?

As I became invested in this position, I began to see that there are many ways to practice architecture: that of serving—and bettering—the architectural profession; advocating, educating, mentoring are some of the ways I have given back to our professional community. I had left the traditional role of design, which I loved. But I got a broader understanding of how important the American Institute of Architects is. “The Voice of Our Profession:” sounds so easy and is banal that its meaning almost becomes like a cliché. But I think we must get beyond the seeming simplicity of these words and remember the critical importance of supporting and volunteering your efforts and mine to the AIA. Without it, architects would be in such dire straights. Architects are often dreamers, great with designs, analysis, integration of many complex issues and ideas—but many are not great at speaking to the larger picture. Did you know that the construction industry with architects, engineers, consultants, manufacturers, and contractors makes up over 25% of our gross national product? We are a critical part of our country’s health and vitality. It will never do to let non-professionals lead the way in these efforts to continue to care for the health, safety and welfare of our communities! I like that we have specialized advocates both at the state and national level looking out for our welfare (although we were sorely let down with California’s narrow minded insistence on architects being educated on ADA issues to the tune of 5 hours every 2 years. UGH!)

It is our job to remind and educate the public that it is in their best interests to have an architect design something right the first time around. It is our job to educate the public that great design does not need to cost any more than bad design, or boring or indifferent design. The voice of our profession speaks not just to the public, but it works internally as well. How do we get to figure out what makes sense in this time of energy conservation?

So this “placeholder job” became for me, a place of special meaning. This chapter is a place where we have made a difference. We won many awards, and grants, created many so may important programs. We laughed, we toured, we learned. And a year or two of a job became a passion for me that has stayed strong for the past 16 years.

The chapter is in great shape right now. We have a sound financial base, we have an intriguing combination of new and old leadership that will continue to shift our vision towards the future. We have a new executive director: Desree Gemignani. (Yes, she is board member Richard Gemignani’s wife. Thank you, Richard for recommending Des to us!!!!) It is my hope that you will give Desree your support and passion as you have given it to me these many years. She is smart, energetic and full of ideas that will continue to help propel this chapter onward to continued prosperity and great achievements!

Des is already planning next year’s golf theme: Octoberfest—or will that be: “Archtober Fest?” Just wait and see. She has jumped into her role with diligence and enthusiasm. I am here through this month of January turning over the reins to Desree. She is not just running with them. She is jumping and doing a showmanship job of smooth transitioning. Way to go, Des!!! We are so proud of how you have effortlessly come into this role of executive director and I look forward to your shaping it and crafting it in new and exciting ways!!! YOU have a great vision and great skills. We’re bound to enjoy to take on things.

In any event, this is still my chapter, so I hope to continue to see many of you when I attend a program or two. (It will feel weird being on the other side of the check-in table, I can assure you!) And who knows, maybe in a year or two, I’ll even volunteer for something. Should I write: I’ll be back???? But I hope to continue to see you all—and even have time to chat and catch up.

I have been honored to serve you all for so many years. Keep the faith, keep the chapter, keep the laughter.

With love and best wishes,

Leslie Nathan, AIA
Welcome New Members

- Mr. Farshad Azarnoush,
  AIA with Atelier Architects

- Congratulations to our Associate member Mr. Nicholas B. Tucker,
  on receiving his license as an architect and therefore becoming an AIA chapter member.

Farewell “Elevations” — Randy

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Cordially invites you to the

**30th Annual Installation & Design Awards Banquet**

**Saturday February 4th 2017**

6:30 pm  
$130 per person

**Woodland Hills Country Club**  
21150 Dumetz Road  
Woodland Hills California 91364

**Reservations are required by**  
**January 27th 2017 to the**  
AIA/SFV Chapter Office  
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THE COMPETITION:
The competition involves the design of a neighborhood park in Los Angeles to be built by the city. It will include a playground, sports facilities and related buildings. This competition meets all new AXP guidelines as outlined by NCARB. It will include mandatory requirements which will gain participants 160 core hours. Optional electives can also be earned up to an additional 75 core hours. Everyone wins in this contest! Participants receive core hours and juries will be held to select the best submissions: Meet program requirements and add design creativity and sensitivity to win the following prizes.

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?:
The competition is open to all NCARB/AXP participants. The project submissions can be from individuals or teams. Credit for IDP hours is available to all participants working with a mentor. Each participant will be responsible for self-reporting hours as detailed in the AXP Guidelines. A maximum of 235 hours are available. Intern and student submissions will be judged separately.

SCHEDULE:
Registration Due          Wednesday, January 11, 2017  REVISED DEADLINES
Submissions Due           Monday, March 6, 2017
Winners Announced         Thursday, April 13, 2017

HOW TO ENTER:
Find the application form and program requirements at www.aiasfv.org.
Complete and mail application to:
AIA San Fernando Valley
5121 Van Nuys Blvd, Suite 200A
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Along with application, submit fee by check (Interns: $75 for AIA Associate members/$100 for non AIA members. Students: $50 for AIAS members/$75 for non AIAS members). Teams will pay the individual fee for each member of the team.

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A Proper Thank You

Dear Friends and Colleagues;

I have begun to wrap up 16 years of memories to take with me when I retire as executive director. My last event will be the installation banquet and design awards on Saturday, Feb. 4th.

How do I begin to thank all of you for your support and friendship? I started listing thanks to many people like Alan Bernstein, 2001 president and how we muddled through together; then there was John Grounds, treasurer par excellence. He went all the way up the AIA leadership ladder to become National treasurer of the AIA.

Every president gave me new perspectives and insights. Joel Jaffe guided the chapter to become business savvy. Where would this chapter be without the brilliant efforts of Mark Smith whose wise council served well in good times and brilliantly well in difficult times? Richard Gemigniani and Keong Ng have been there for the long haul, taking many leadership roles—especially the design awards chairs. And how do I even begin to list all of the golf leaders like Gus Duffy and Tim Saivar who were early chairs and then go onto our current golf members Murray Siegel, Pete Puzo, Jonathan Gilliam, Vladimir Elmanovich, and George de la Nuez? Matt Epstein and Kenny Lee have both been presidents twice and have served with leadership and distinction. Russell Myers and Max Williams both served in multiple roles and stepped up just when we needed them. Miguel Maio served as 2015 president and guided us through a difficult, financially challenging year. Robin Jaffe used to volunteer for everything! I still thank Tom Layman for graciously hosting the AIA/SFV chapter at his office for so many years. The chapter also owes a great debt of thanks for all of the years of active support from our friends Joe Balbona and Sylvia Botero at RBB Architects, Inc. They have always supported us in ways too numerous to mention. I thank you for all of your friendship and support. I miss friends like Rudy DeChellis, Larry Robbins, Jerry Pollak and Ron Firestone who were so active in our chapter. Brad McDonald and Rob Anderson brought much needed vision and laughter to our “reinventing” the chapter. We are stronger than ever thanks to their groundwork—as well as many others. Larry Kaltman has continued to act as IDP Design chair. Now we are calling it AXP (architect experience program since NCARB so recently changed their requirements as well as their name. Hopefully this will make the licensing process easier for many interns!) Mike Silva has been a great liaison to Woodbury University and Joel Jaffe gets huge kudos for all of his extraordinary work for the AIASFV Fund. Recently this fund was turned over to become a $150,000 chapter named endowment to the University. Art Yanez restructured Elevations and has long been the creator of our Design Awards banquet booklet and chapter directory. Miguel Renteria twinned the chapter with his home in Mexico and we became international. Jerry Pollak taught us the structure of creating an incredible urban assistance design team. With his vision the chapter has won great recognition in this field.

And most of all, I want to publically thank my companion in crime—and at the office—for keeping things running so smoothly: Veronica Terpatsi. Unshakable, unflappable, always ready to dive into the next project that needed doing; that’s Veronica. Every month she typed in everyone’s names for continuing education credits, membership updates, invoicing, phone calling etc. Veronica, you are a trooper and a good friend!

There are many names of people that I love and who have been instrumental in making this chapter as forward thinking and wonderful as it has become. I dearly thank all of you whose names I have not highlighted. To get to truth of it, I would have to write almost every chapter member’s name with a little blurb—you who have made this journey as meaningful as it has been. Thank you all for your support and encouragement. It’s been a pleasure working with you.

With love and best wishes,
Leslie Nathan, AIA
**30th Anniversary Logo Contest**

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

AIA|SFV will be celebrating its 30th anniversary throughout 2017. In commemoration of this exciting milestone, AIA|SFV will be donning a new logo representing the Chapter’s year of celebration. The new logo will be used on all print material for the remainder of 2017. To encourage a wide range of creative ideas, AIA|SFV is holding a contest, which is open to the general public. Architects, designers, students, engineers, and graphic designers are all encouraged to participate. The winning design will receive $300 and recognition for having designed the AIA|SFV’s 30th Anniversary logo.

Please submit your logo design and brief description to edirector@aiasfv.org with “LOGO CONTEST” in the subject line with contact name, address, telephone number, and email address by February 17, 2017.

**Logo & Design Criteria**

- **Size:** 400 x 400 pixels
- **File format:** 300 dpi in jpg
- **Content:** The logo design must include ‘AIA | SFV’ or ‘AIA San Fernando Valley’ and reference the 30th Anniversary. Be creative!

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