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RECORD OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

*Implementing Legislative Guidance
2018–2026*

A DOCUMENTED RECORD OF MODERNIZATION,
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PUBLIC PROTECTION



STRENGTHENING
CALIFORNIA'S
CERTIFIED INTERIOR
DESIGNER TITLE ACT
AND PROTECTING
THE PUBLIC INTEREST



GOVERNANCE
IMPROVEMENTS



TRANSPARENCY &
ACCOUNTABILITY



CONSUMER
PROTECTION



CERTIFICATION &
EXAMINATION
MODERNIZATION



OPERATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



LEGISLATIVE
IMPLEMENTATION
(AB 2772)



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Strengthening Governance. Enhancing Transparency. Protecting the Public.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

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REPORT OVERVIEW

About This Publication

A concise, evidence-based record of major actions undertaken during the 2018-2026 Sunset Review cycle.

This briefing documents significant governance, transparency, certification, examination, consumer-protection, and operational improvements undertaken by CCIDC. It is intended for legislators, legislative staff, Certified Interior Designers, applicants, building officials, educators, industry partners, and members of the public.

The report draws from CCIDC Sunset Review submissions and responses, legislative background papers and analyses, Board and committee records, program documentation, and the Council's accomplishment and implementation tracking materials. It emphasizes documented actions and results rather than advocacy or organizational promotion.

PURPOSE

To show, in one concise record, how legislative guidance, Board action, stakeholder engagement, and program management produced concrete improvements in the administration of California's Certified Interior Designer Title Act.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Administer certification, ethics, continuing education, examination, and discipline in a manner that places the public interest first.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Maintain clear governance, documented procedures, public access, and meaningful Board oversight.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Use Sunset Review findings and operational experience to strengthen programs rather than treating review as a one-time compliance event.

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Operate a self-funded program without General Fund or special fund appropriations while monitoring reserves and predictable biennial revenue cycles.

Source basis: 2022 and 2026 Sunset Review materials; CCIDC Accomplishments and Staff Recommendation tracking workbook; 2026 Progress Report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Eight Years of Documented Improvement

CCIDC used successive Sunset Review cycles to strengthen governance, modernize programs, expand access, and prepare targeted statutory reforms.

From 2018 through 2026, CCIDC implemented a sustained modernization program touching nearly every major area of administration. The Council expanded public access to meetings and records, strengthened Board orientation and open-meeting procedures, modernized certification pathways and examination delivery, documented complaint and disciplinary processes, broadened Board representation, and increased direct support to building departments, candidates, and Certified Interior Designers.

The record also reflects measurable legislative partnership. Work begun in earlier review cycles led to the voluntary Commercial Designation and its codification through SB 816 in 2023. During the 2026 cycle, CCIDC provided technical information and implementation feedback that informed AB 2772, including proposed reforms addressing public protection, records access, public participation, professional accountability, compensation safeguards, and recognition of CIDs as design professionals for lien purposes.

AT A GLANCE

The Council's 2022-2026 accomplishment inventory identifies 30 major actions, responses to 19 staff recommendations across two Sunset Review cycles, and 13 Title Act enhancements enacted or proposed. These records show a consistent pattern: identify the issue, document the response, implement the change, and continue monitoring the result.

GOVERNANCE

Board orientation, signed Bagley-Keene acknowledgements, discipline-based representation, staggered terms, public-member participation, and open committees.

PROGRAM ACCESS

Remote IDEX testing, multiple certification pathways, improved candidate communications, and immediate-result implementation for Fall 2026.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Published enforcement actions, documented due process, contract and ethics guidance, continuing education oversight, and proposed mandatory reporting.

OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE

In-house website administration, digital workflows, COVID relief, reserve monitoring, and uninterrupted self-funded operations.

PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT

Eight Years of Continuous Improvement

Representative outcomes documented in CCIDC records.

30 major accomplishments and actions tracked	19 Sunset Review staff recommendations addressed	13 Title Act enhancements enacted or proposed
77% IDEX California pass rate reported for 2025	1,722 active Certified Interior Designers reported for 2025	3.8 months of operating reserve reported at year-end 2025

GOVERNANCE

Formal Board orientation; open-meeting guidance; discipline-based Board seats; four public members; public-facing standing committees.

CERTIFICATION

Pathways recognizing approved national exams; California-specific IDEX requirement; Emeritus status; tiered renewal choices; plan-check support.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Documented complaint, hearing, discipline, remediation, and revocation process; public contract and ethics guidance; enforcement publication.

TRANSPARENCY

Online meetings and recordings; public agendas and minutes; governance documents; certification verification; enforcement actions; public resources.

EXAMINATION

Live remote proctoring since 2020; major 2021 revision; 2025-2026 code-cycle update; revised exam launched May 2026.

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Self-funded operations; no state appropriation; reserve monitoring; revenue and expense management aligned with biennial renewal cycles.

Metrics are drawn from CCIDC's 2022-2026 accomplishment workbook and 2026 background-paper tables.

LEGISLATIVE PARTNERSHIP

From Review to Implementation

Sunset Review recommendations were translated into Board action, program changes, and statutory proposals.

SUNSET REVIEW	Issues identified through legislative oversight.
COUNCIL RESPONSE	Facts, policies, data, and implementation options documented.
BOARD ACTION	Governance, program, and procedural changes approved or initiated.
IMPLEMENTATION	Training, systems, public information, and monitoring put into practice.
CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT	Results reviewed and next steps incorporated into future work.

LEGISLATIVE MILESTONES

SB 816 (2023) codified CCIDC's voluntary Commercial Designation. AB 2772, under consideration in 2026, proposes a four-year extension and targeted reforms involving public protection, public records, public participation, professional reporting, compensation limits, parliamentary rules, and design-professional recognition. The Council began implementation planning before final enactment.

DOCUMENTED ACTIONS

Major Organizational Improvements

The following actions are drawn directly from CCIDC's accomplishment and staff-recommendation records.

Governance and Public Participation

Implemented formal Board orientation covering Bagley-Keene requirements, with written guidance and signed acknowledgements. [S3]

Amended bylaws in 2024 to replace organization-based professional appointments with discipline-based representation across major practice areas. [S5]

Maintained three-year staggered terms, a two-term limit, and four public members to balance continuity, renewal, expertise, and independent oversight. [S5]

Established public-facing Advocacy, Education, and Marketing & Outreach committees with published missions and open quarterly meetings. [S8]

Certification, Access, and Service

Created Path 3 to recognize approved national examinations and reduce duplicative documentation while retaining the California-specific IDEX examination. [S1]

Created the Emeritus category for retiring CIDs who wish to retain professional recognition without an active-practice stamp or CEU obligations. [S1]

Maintained live remote proctoring for IDEX California, expanding statewide access and reducing travel barriers. [S1]

Prepared immediate IDEX California results beginning with the Fall 2026 examination cycle. [Program records]

Transparency and Enforcement

Moved Board meetings online, made them publicly accessible, and posted recordings for later viewing. [S1]

Continued publishing agendas, minutes, governance documents, certification information, enforcement actions, and public resources. [S5]

Documented complaint intake, evidence review, Board hearing, testimony, discipline, remediation, suspension, and revocation procedures. [S3]

Maintained a public enforcement-actions page so consumers and employers can review disciplinary outcomes. [S9]

PUBLIC INTEREST

Strengthening Public Protection

Program modernization was directed toward clearer standards, better information, fair process, and stronger professional accountability.

ETHICS AND CONTRACTS

CCIDC reinforced statutory written-contract requirements through examination content, ethics obligations, public guidance, and complaint review.

EXAMINATION INTEGRITY

IDEX California is updated for California codes, laws, ethics, and practice, with psychometric review and multidisciplinary subject-matter expertise.

CONSUMER INFORMATION

The website provides certification verification, complaint information, enforcement outcomes, contract guidance, title-use information, and practice limitations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Renewal oversight and Commercial Designation code-course requirements support continued professional competency.

FAIR ENFORCEMENT

Documented procedures provide evidence review, notice, an opportunity to be heard, Board consideration, and proportionate outcomes.

LOCAL JURISDICTION SUPPORT

Direct plan-check assistance and building-department outreach help resolve interpretation questions without expanding the statutory scope of practice.

PROPOSED 2026 ACCOUNTABILITY REFORM

AB 2772 would require reporting of specified judgments, settlements, arbitration awards, and administrative actions involving fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetence, or recklessness. It would also authorize proportionate discipline and civil penalties for reporting noncompliance, giving CCIDC additional information and intermediate enforcement tools.

CHRONOLOGY

Timeline: 2018-2026

Selected milestones showing the progression from operational modernization to targeted statutory reform.

2018	Expanded building-department education and technical outreach; brought website administration in-house to improve the speed and clarity of public updates.
2019	Expanded statewide public access by moving Board meetings online and making meeting content available beyond a single physical location.
2020	Implemented live remote proctoring for IDEX California; waived late fees and offered extended payment arrangements during the COVID-19 emergency.
2021	Completed a major IDEX California revision using psychometric support, ICC code expertise, and a multidisciplinary subject-matter expert group.
2022	Responded to six Sunset Review issues; documented enforcement and appeal procedures; advanced statutory cleanup and continued Commercial Designation outreach.
2023	SB 816 codified the voluntary Commercial Designation in the Title Act, giving statutory recognition to additional commercial-code preparation.
2024	Amended bylaws to transition professional Board seats from organization-based appointments to discipline-based representation.
2025	Convened an examination task force to update IDEX California for the 2025 California Building Code; continued Board diversification and Sunset preparation.
2026	Launched the revised IDEX examination in May; refined open-meeting procedures; expanded public committees; prepared immediate exam results and AB 2772 implementation workflows.

IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

Legislative Guidance and Council Action

A concise crosswalk of the principal issues addressed during the 2022 and 2026 review cycles.

Review Area	Council Action	Status
Open meetings	Formal orientation, written guidance, signed acknowledgements, agenda procedures, and 2026 teleconference refinements.	Completed; ongoing training
Board composition and terms	Discipline-based professional seats, four public members, staggered three-year terms, and a two-term limit.	Implemented
Public records	Existing public access documented; CPRA-consistent request, retention, redaction, and cost-recovery workflows under development for AB 2772.	Implementation planning
Public participation	Open meetings and comment opportunities maintained; 45-day notice-and-comment process being prepared for significant policy and bylaw changes.	Implementation planning
Certification and examination	National-exam pathways retained while requiring IDEX California; remote testing, code-cycle updates, and immediate-result service improvements implemented.	Ongoing
Commercial Designation	Created administratively, reported during 2022 review, and codified by SB 816 in 2023.	Implemented and ongoing
Stamp acceptance	Statewide outreach, plan-check assistance, and statutory education continued; design-professional recognition supported without scope expansion.	Ongoing
Enforcement and accountability	Complaint and hearing process documented; public outcomes maintained; mandatory civil-action reporting and intermediate sanctions proposed in AB 2772.	Existing process; reform pending
Fiscal oversight	Self-funded operations, reserve monitoring, multi-year budgeting, and compensation review maintained; statutory salary ceiling proposed.	Ongoing
Technical cleanup	Obsolete and inconsistent provisions identified and incorporated into legislative discussions and AB 2772 amendments.	In legislative process

NEXT PHASE

Looking Forward

The next phase is implementation, measurement, and continued public accountability, not expansion for its own sake.

IMPLEMENT AB 2772, IF ENACTED

Finalize records-access procedures, public-comment workflows, reporting intake, compensation safeguards, parliamentary rules, and design-professional education.

MEASURE PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Track Commercial Designation participation, examination performance, application processing, complaints, discipline, plan-check assistance, and stakeholder participation.

MAINTAIN CURRENT EXAMINATIONS

Continue psychometric review and California code-cycle updates so IDEX California remains aligned with law, ethics, building codes, and practice.

STRENGTHEN PUBLIC INFORMATION

Continue improving certification verification, consumer guidance, enforcement publication, building-department resources, and candidate communications.

SUSTAIN SOUND GOVERNANCE

Provide recurring Board training, monitor open-meeting requirements, maintain balanced representation, and document consideration of public input.

PRESERVE FISCAL STABILITY

Continue reserve monitoring and multi-year budgeting within the predictable two-year renewal cycle while operating without state appropriations.

DOCUMENTATION

Source Record

The briefing is based on records contained in CCIDC's Sunset Review archive and official program materials.

ID	Source	Primary Use
S1	CCIDC Sunset Review Report 2022 Final Draft	Program history, governance, fiscal information, certification pathways, examination, COVID response.
S2	2022 CCIDC Background Paper	Legislative issues and staff recommendations for the 2022 review cycle.
S3	2022 CCIDC Response to Sunset Review Staff Recommendations	Formal responses, Board orientation materials, enforcement process, and statutory proposals.
S4	2026 CCIDC Background Paper	Program data, Board structure, fiscal tables, issues, and Committee recommendations.
S5	2026 CCIDC Response to Staff Recommendations	Responses to 13 current issues and implementation commitments.
S6	AB 2772 Proposed Amendments, June 12, 2026	Proposed Title Act reforms and Civil Code design-professional recognition.
S7	Senate BPED Analysis of AB 2772	Bill summary, policy discussion, proposed extension, and Committee action.
S8	CCIDC Program and Public Information Records	Committees, certification resources, IDEX information, plan-check assistance, and public guidance.
S9	CCIDC Enforcement Actions	Published disciplinary outcomes and consumer information.
S10	California Business and Professions Code sections 5800-5812	Certified Interior Designer Title Act.

CLOSING STATEMENT

CCIDC remains responsible for converting legislative guidance into durable governance, fair administration, transparent operations, and measurable public benefit. Continuous improvement is an enduring obligation in the administration of California's Certified Interior Designer Title Act.