2026 Code Matters | Basics Matter

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:00 – 12:10	**WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS** Zoe Guckenheimer | AIA Seattle Dan Quartier | Interior Tech
12:10 – 12:55	**CODE BASICS - OCCUPANCY, CONSTRUCTION TYPE, FIRE SAFETY AND EGRESS** Andrew Lunde, Engineering Services Manager | City of Seattle, SDCI
12:55 – 1:00	**Q & A**
1:00 – 1:05	**SHORT BREAK**
1:05 – 1:45	**ACCESSIBILITY 1 VS 100** Zoram Garcia, DHT, Architectural Services Consultant | Allegion Services Group
1:45 – 1:50	**Q & A**
1:50 – 1:55	**COMMITTEE PLUG: LADDERSHIP** Emily Gilbert AIA & Eva Stalford AIA | AIA Seattle Laddership Committee
1:55 - 2:00	**WRAP UP** Che Fortaleza AIA & Miriam Hinden AIA | AIA Seattle Code Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:00 – 12:05	**WELCOME + RE-INTRODUCTIONS** Zoe Guckenheimer | AIA Seattle
12:05 – 12:50	**HOW CODES ARE DEVELOPED AND USED, AND BEST PRACTICES FOR PERMIT SUBMITTALS** Ray Cockerham, Building and Code Official | City of Puyallup
12:50 – 12:55	**Q & A**
12:55 - 1:00	**SHORT BREAK**
1:00 – 1:20	**EGRESS, FIRE DOORS & ELECTRIFIED HARDWARE 1 VS 100** Zoram Garcia, DHT, Architectural Services Consultant | Allegion Services Group
1:20 – 1:25	**Q & A**
1:25 – 1:55	**PANEL DISCUSSION: ALL SPEAKERS**
1:55 – 2:00	**THANK YOU + CLOSE** Che Fortaleza AIA & Miriam Hinden AIA | AIA Seattle Code Committee

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MEET OUR SPEAKERS



Andrew Lunde, Engineering Services Manager, City of Seattle, SDCI | Andrew Lunde is a building code and municipal regulatory professional with more than 24 years of experience in building department operations, code administration, plan review, and regulatory oversight. He has served with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections since 2002 and currently manages Engineering Services, overseeing plan review operations for building, mechanical, demolition, and grading permits.
Andrew is also an instructor with the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) Code Official Accreditation Program (COAP), where he has taught Building, Residential, and Energy Codes since 2017. His experience combines practical code administration, plan review, building inspections, and municipal permitting. He holds a degree in accounting and economics and brings a practical, real-world perspective to understanding how building codes influence design, construction, and the built environment.



Zoram Garcia, DHT, Architectural Services Consultant, Allegion Services Group | Zoram brings over 20 years of dedicated expertise in commercial doors, frames, and architectural hardware to Allegion Services Group. With a comprehensive background that spans specification consulting, estimating, and project management, Zoram has a proven track record of delivering complex, multi-phase facilities across diverse vertical markets. His deep mastery of fire, life-safety, and accessibility codes makes him a critical asset for this project to remain safe, compliant, and universally accessible



Ray Cockerham, Building and Code Official, City of Puyallup | Ray Cockerham is a Building and Fire Code Official with 36 years of experience in building safety, code administration, and public service. He oversees the Building Department, including building plan review, building inspections, the permit center, and fire prevention programs. Ray works closely with the Washington State Department of Health, Tacoma–Pierce County Department of Health, local water utility districts, the Master Builders Association of Pierce County, and the chamber of commerce to support consistent and effective regulatory coordination across the region. Ray is the Immediate Past President of the Washington Association of Building Officials and serves on the WABO Government Relations Committee, contributing to statewide policy discussions and legislative engagement. He holds multiple International Code Council certifications, including Building Inspector, Plans Examiner, and Certified Building Official. He currently teaches Building Official presented by WABO courses 401 and 402, supporting the development of future code professionals.