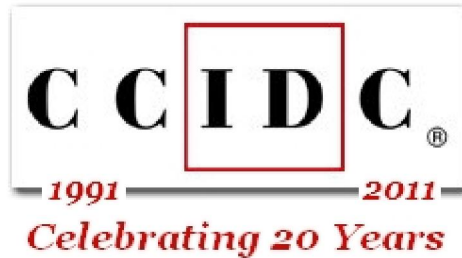


**For Immediate Release**



## **First Nonprofit Certification Board in California, the California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC), Celebrates Twenty Years of Service**

**(San Marcos, CA...March 7, 2011)** Twenty years ago, Senate Bill 153, introduced by Senator William Craven, became law creating Section 5800 of the California Business & Professions Code and the legally codified title of "Certified Interior Designer" for interior designers in this state. The California Legislature chose not to create a state board to administer the program, but allowed the profession to create its own "private" non-profit agency instead. And today, it is still flourishing, a testament to the interior design profession in California. Since its inception CCIDC has certified over 4,600 interior designers. Certified Interior Designers are qualified by the CCIDC upon evidence of a combination of education and/or experience and passing an examination on California building codes, ethics, business practices and design standards, the "IDEX California".

Since the inception of the first "private" nonprofit certification board in California, the CCIDC, there have been four more "private" nonprofit boards created by the legislature. This prevents these boards from becoming a burden on the taxpayer since "private" nonprofit boards are supported by their respective professions and the certification fees they pay. It appears the legislature's creation of the first "private board" started a trend for regulatory boards in California that the legislature deems do not require direct supervision of the state or the Department of Consumer Affairs.

The CCIDC board, like all "private" nonprofit boards, is held accountable by the California legislature through the Sunset Review process. CCIDC is slated for its next Sunset Review in 2012 where the board will respond to a lengthy questionnaire on its operations to the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee (JLSRC), and attend a public hearing in the state Capitol whereby the JLSRC can direct questions to the CCIDC staff and board members. It is anticipated that many more "private" nonprofit boards will be created in the future after the CCIDC model, not only in California, but in other states as well.

The CCIDC looks forward to another 20 years of certifying designers, continuing outreach to the public, building officials, and helping students learn about certification as a career path through presentations at interior design schools and student career forums.

The CCIDC is located at 1605 Grand Avenue, Suite 4, San Marcos, CA 92078, phone 760.761.4734. For more information on the CCIDC 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, visit <http://www.ccidc.org/eNews/20th-anniversary.html>.

**# # #**

**PR Contact:**

Mary Anderson-Harris  
818.731-3971 [aharrism@pacbell.net](mailto:aharrism@pacbell.net)