

Leigh A. Eisen
Executive Vice President & CEO
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Leigh (*pronounced "Lee"*) Eisen assumed the role of Executive Vice President & CEO of AIA San Diego in January of 2020. An alumna of Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Preservation and Planning (MSc Urban Planning), Leigh has devoted the bulk of her career to organizations whose missions are to promote community engagement, foster economic vitality, and champion quality design of the built environment. Having worked for a not-for-profit economic development association in New York City's Garment District and as a senior staffer inside the City Halls of Santa Ana and Ventura, Leigh brings both non-profit management and public sector experience to the table.

Having spent her childhood in San Diego, Leigh completed her undergraduate degree at UCLA (Sociology; Cultural Anthropology and Spanish) and went on to live and work elsewhere, namely in Los Angeles and New York City, so she is thrilled to return to her San Diego home base.

Despite spending the bulk of her tenure at AIA San Diego under COVID-19 restrictions, she has embraced the challenge by shepherding the Chapter into the digital era and has used the opportunity to recalibrate some of the Chapter's key programs and services. She looks forward to collaborating with the broader design community to showcase San Diego and the region as a World Design Capital in 2024.