




## 2023 Nominee to the 2024 Board of Directors

Name:	Sujendra (Suj) Mishra RA(CA)   AIA   NOMA   PMP   MBA   EDAC   LEED AP	
Position Nominated for:	Secretary/Treasurer	
A 100-Word (maximum) summary of your background, education, professional history, and service to the professions.		
<p>Suj is a licensed architect who has held various roles as Healthcare Provider representative, a business owner and currently as an employee/shareholder for large architecture &amp; engineering firms. After graduating from UC Berkeley with a BA major in Architecture, Suj completed his post-graduate degree with MBA and a minor in project management. Suj has volunteered as a facility advisor/secretary/treasurer for UCB Theta Xi Alumni Board and Planning Commissioner in San Bruno for 12 years. He has served on AIA San Francisco and California Boards. He is currently the Treasurer/Secretary for AIA CA.</p>		
A 200-word (maximum) summary of the candidate's philosophy, goals, and objectives in serving in this office.		
<p>As an individual who has had the opportunity to serve on multiple boards, commissions, alumni association, and leadership task forces, I believe that I have right balance of soft/technical skills and experience for this role. Architects are agents of change; we design and assist in the execution of changes for our clients and community. I have spent the last 10 years evaluating our business-as-usual protocols with an equity and justice focused lens.</p> <p>Serving as the current Secretary/Treasurer, I have had the opportunity to be actively engaged in our Strategic Planning efforts. The past 2 years we have reflected on our past successes and future challenges. In 2024/2025 we will have an opportunity address these challenges though our governance structure and updated by-laws and policies. I would be honored to continue to be part of the team that leads us through this transition.</p>		
Candidates are also permitted to submit a letter of support for their nomination from any individual, AIA member or otherwise. This letter shall not be longer than 2 pages in length, including letterhead. Letters exceeding this requirement will not be accepted.	Nomination and additional supporting documents attached.	

**Next Steps:**

- Candidates have received the virtual meeting invitation for the Friday, November 3, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.
- Candidates will give a speech not to exceed 3 minutes during the November 3, 2023 board meeting.



September 12, 2023

To: AIA CA Board of Directors & Executive Committee

**RE: Recommendation Letter – Suj Mishra, AIA California**

Distinguished Board:

Without hesitation, I wholeheartedly recommend Suj Mishra for the position of Secretary/Treasurer at AIA California for 2024-2025.

I've been working directly with Suj since he joined HDR in early 2020. He is a senior leader, serving roles as Senior Project Manager and Principal, both of which entail project fiduciary responsibilities.

Suj directs his energy towards finding the right solutions for clients without compromising the quality of the products he delivers. His leadership style is best described as a servant-leader. He nurtures and motivates his team, recognizing the value of how teams form and build relationships to achieve success. Suj is honest with his opinions and exercises sound judgement. His composed demeanor and decision-making ability set him apart.

I am pleased to have Suj serving as the 2022-2023 Secretary/Treasurer at AIA California, representing me and all California AIA members. I recommend Suj to the position of Secretary/Treasurer at AIA California for 2024-2025. His experience as the San Bruno Planning Commission Chair, Nu Alexander Mason Endowment Treasurer/Secretary, and fiduciary responsibilities he held as Project Manager and Principal on projects valued up to \$1 Billion gives him invaluable insights that will lead to his success at the AIA California Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

**Jill Bergman**, AIA ACHA EDAC LEEDap  
Vice President | Senior Health Strategist  
HDR