




2023 Nominee to the 2024 Board of Directors

Name:	Daniel Perez, AIA	
Position Nominated for:	Strategic Council	
A 100-Word (maximum) summary of your background, education, professional history, and service to the professions.		
<p>I was born and raised in Rupert, Idaho and knew I wanted to be an architect since I was seven. I earned a BSD in Architectural Studies from Arizona State University in 1988 and a Master of Architecture from UC Berkeley in 1993. I worked in New York City for three years between degrees. I have lived and worked in San Francisco since 1994, founding Studio Perez in 2005. I have been active with AIA since 2009 serving on the Mentorship and Latinx in Architecture Committees, and AIASF Board of Directors since 2016. I am AIASF 2023 Board President.</p>		
A 200-word (maximum) summary of the candidate's philosophy, goals, and objectives in serving in this office.		
<p>"Architecture has never loved me as much as I love architecture. What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger..." Ultimately, I believe that the power of architecture and design is a force for good. The architecture profession hasn't always been kind or inclusive to women and people of color. I am glad to see the tide turning with the profession addressing issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion, sustainability, and advocacy.</p> <p>I view my service on the AIA San Francisco Board as being an ambassador for my fellow architects and advocating for our profession. I positioned my AIASF presidency as "the people's president". I have been invested in strengthening connections with our Knowledge Communities, Members, and the Public. My interest in serving on AIA Strategic Council is to take a wider lens in thinking about how we continue to make improvements for our profession and the business of architecture. Understanding the barriers to entry, continuing to expand inclusivity, and addressing current and future challenges will help us to recruit the talent needed to carry our architectural profession into the future. I am excited for the potential opportunity to continue to represent, advocate, collaborate, and inspire the next generation of architects and leaders.</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.



18 September 2023

Dear AIA California,

I am submitting my interest and self-nomination for the position of AIA Strategic Council 2024-2026. I have been an AIA member in good standing since 2013. I am currently serving as AIA San Francisco Board President 2023.

I first got involved with AIA San Francisco in 2009 by joining the Mentorship Committee and eventually served as co-chair and chair in 2014-2015. I joined the AIA San Francisco Board in 2016 and have served in every position starting with Director-at-Large. I also serve on the steering committee of the AIA SF Latinx in Architecture Knowledge Community since 2016. Representing our members and advocating for our architectural profession have been of great importance to me. Serving on the AIA Strategic Council would allow me to continue these interests to our wider membership of AIA California.

I have taken many responsibilities similar to those listed for the AIA Strategic Council position at the AIA San Francisco Chapter level. In my AIA SF Board service I have consulted with our executive committee, board members, and staff to represent the interests of our members. In my eight years of board service, I have only missed one board meeting. I have attended every AIA National Conference since 2016 and attended my first AIA Leadership Summit this year. I attended the AIA Big Sibbs conference in Dallas last year, and will be attending the Big Sibbs conference in Baltimore this week.

I am very interested in having a wider lens to help address issues in our architectural profession that are of national interest and concern. I recently had the opportunity to hear the issues that the AIA Strategic Council has been working on including equity, diversity, inclusion, climate change, and addressing issues in the business of architecture. As a Latino, a small business owner, and an advocate of sustainable building practices, I am invested in collaborating to find strategic solutions to issues that affect our architectural profession.

Please find a petition enclosed in support of my nomination for AIA Strategic Council 2024-2026. I have full support of the AIA San Francisco Executive Committee and our San Francisco AIA California Board Members. I also have the support of the majority of our AIA SF Board Members. I also have the support of AIA East Bay and AIA San Mateo Presidents, and dear colleagues.

I humbly submit my nomination and petition for support.






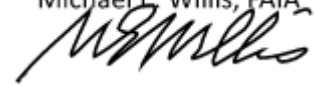




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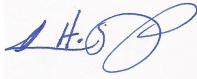
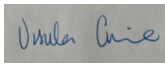



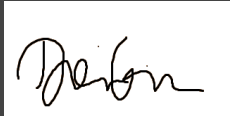
Daniel Perez, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP
AIA San Francisco President 2023

Enclosed: AIA Strategic Council Petition for Daniel Perez

AIA STRATEGIC COUNCIL PETITION

As an AIA California Member, in good standing, I support the nomination of Daniel Perez, AIA for the position of AIA Strategic Council 2024-2026

Printed Name	Title	AIA Number	Signature
Anton Foss	AIASF Treasurer	30216964	
Yakuh Askew	AIASF Asst. Treasurer	30130613	
Paul Adamson	2022 AIASF President	30148640	
Orlando Monegas Jr.	Director at Large	40751404	
Gregg Novicoff	Director at Large	30306319	Gregg Novicoff 
Michael E. Willis, FAIA (Emeritus)	1995 President, AIASF	300003573	Michael E. Willis, FAIA 
Amy T Eliot	AIA CA Director for AIA SF/AIA CA VP of Prof Dev and Educ	30100256	Amy T Eliot AIA 
Cesar Escalante	AIASF Director ar Large	38000071	Cesar Escalante AIA 
Jonathan W Cohen FAIA	AIA CA Director for AIASF	30008684	
Rona G Rothenberg, FAIA, DBIA, PMP	AIACA 2022 President	30049713	Rona G Rothenberg 
Hafsa Burt	AIA CA Board of Directors	30412137	Hafsa Burt

Elisa Hernandez Skaggs, AIA	Secretary, AIASF Board	30104339	
Francesca R. Oliveira, AIA, LEED AP BD+C	President-Elect, AIA SF 2023	30411662	
Ursula Currie, AIA	2023 AIA EB President	30143476	
Cary S. Bernstein, AIA LEED AP	AIACA Board Member (AIASF) AIACA Advocacy Advisory Comm.	30050621	Cary S. Bernstein 
Argelia Barcena	Associate Director, AIASF Board of Directors	30399422	<i>Argelia Barcena</i>
Georgia Sarkin	AIA CA Board of Directors	38982916	 Georgia Sarkin
Hiromi Ogawa	2023 AIA San Mateo County President	30148375	
Doris Guerrero	AIA CA Board of Directors	30148111	

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October 4, 2023

AIA California

Subject: AIA Strategic Council 2024-2026

Dear AIA California,

Supporting Daniel Perez's candidacy for a position on the AIA Strategic Council 2024-2026, is driven by my profound admiration for his ever-expanding leadership and contributions to our profession's dedication to social justice and equity. Since joining the chapter, Daniel has demonstrated an unflagging commitment to supporting its member driven initiatives across various chapter roles and has been a key leader in elevating the identity of Latinx membership at a variety of venues and opportunities.

It is of note that his demonstrated commitment to the chapter enabled his elevation to become AIASF Chapter president in 2023. This recognition and endorsement from one of the Big Sibs chapters offers evidence of his appropriateness to be involved with advocacy at the AIA Strategic Council. Daniel has been indefatigable in his performance as chapter president, very energetically involved with its executive committee, board members, and chapter staff to best advance the memberships' needs. In his current capacity he has attended the AIA leadership Summit and has also represented AIASF at the Big Sibs meetings in Dallas and Baltimore.

I believe that what recommends Daniel most for the position with the Strategic Council is his keen interest to engage on the issues that confront the profession and demand not only attention, but action, chiefly on the very pressing matters of DEI and climate change. These are the challenges that Daniel actively faces in his practice, and with his great skill in seeking solution through collaborative action, makes him especially well-suited to robust dialogue and an outcomes-oriented process.

I thank you for your consideration and assure you that Daniel will be a very productive member of the Strategic Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Higuera".

Charles Higuera, FAIA