




## 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.









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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