




2024 Nominees to the 2025 Board of Directors

Name:	Magdalini Vraila, AIA	
Position Nominated for:	Young Architect Representative (National Position)	
A 100-Word (maximum) summary of your background, education, professional history, and service to the professions.		
<p>Magdalini Vraila is a licensed Architect and Designer based in Los Angeles. Originally from Greece, she holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Southern California and specializes in Commercial and Higher Education projects. Her experience spans large-scale ground-up projects and smaller scale tenant improvements (T.I). Notable works include the SDSU Brawley STEM Building; the Snapchat Offices; and the OCVIBE Entertainment Hub in Anaheim. Magdalini is currently a Designer at Rottet Studio while also fulfilling her role as Director of Emerging Professionals for the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Pasadena and Foothill Chapter.</p>		
A 200-word (maximum) summary of the candidate’s philosophy, goals, and objectives in serving in this office.		
<p>Emerging professionals are the next generation of architects and a driving force for our profession’s future. As part of the community, I am acutely aware of the issues young professionals face. Architecture programs are seeing reduced enrollments, education and licensure costs are rising, and even established professionals show diminishing interest in professional network engagement. These issues cannot be solved overnight but they can be mitigated.</p> <p>I am extremely passionate about providing a support system for our younger members. I believe that AIA should alleviate their struggles and encourage retention in the profession. I am specifically interested in facilitating the licensure process that many people abandon due to life circumstances. Encouraging emerging professionals to start early and informing them of the process are key ways to ensure the growth of pioneering and socially aware architects. School outreach is equally important to attract great minds to our field. California, known for innovation in technology and the arts, offers unique opportunities. Our emerging architects should be well-represented addressing these challenges with creative solutions that will benefit the profession nationally. By supporting emerging professionals, easing the path to licensure, and engaging with schools, we can ensure a strong future for architecture.</p>		
<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.</p>	<p>Nomination and additional supporting documents attached.</p>	

Next Steps:

- Candidates have received the virtual meeting invitation for the Friday, November 8, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.
- Candidates will give a speech not to exceed 3 minutes during the November 8, 2024 board meeting. Speech can be in-person, virtually, or pre-recorded.



September 3, 2024

Nomination Committee
Young Architects Representative
American Institute of Architects California
Candidate: Magdalini Vraila, AIA

Dear AIA Young Architects Nomination Committee,

We are writing to nominate Magdalini Vraila for the AIACA Young Architects Representative. Magdalini is an architect with Rottet Studio and the current Emerging Professionals Director for the AIA Pasadena Foothill Chapter for the past 2 years. She has demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions in support of our emerging professionals and our young architects as demonstrated by the list of programs she led:

- 2023
 - AIAPF : Design by Diversity Day-Chapter Booth, birdhouse making
 - EP : ARE Lecture Series
 - EP : Local University & Community College AIA/NCARB Outreach
- 2024
 - EP : Happy Hour with the Fellows-Charting your path to fellowship
 - EP : Women in Architecture-Speed Mentoring
 - EP : Old Town Pasadena Firm Crawl
- 2024 AEP Award Recipient AIA Pasadena Foothill. Magdalini was instrumental in our chapter's AEP award this year, demonstrated by the number of programs she led that supported our successful selection as the 2024 AEP chapter of the year.

Magdalini, as an AIAPF '23-'24 Board Member, was also vital to the ongoing management of the chapter. She assisted in budget development, the 5-year Strategic Plan Update, and membership engagement. Her passion for architecture and her commitment to our community's emerging professionals make her an ideal candidate for the AIACA Young Architects Representative role. We strongly recommend her for this appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrea P. Cabalo'.

Andrea Cabalo, AIA
AIA #30113766, AIAPF President '23

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachel Adams'.

Rachel Adams, AIA
38465048, AIAPF President '24

October 4, 2024

American Institute of Architects
California Board of Directors
1931 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Subject: Young Architect Representative
Magdalini Vraila

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my honor and privilege to submit this letter to the American Institute of Architects, California Board of Directors to recommend Magdalini Vraila as the Young Architect Representative. In the time that I have worked with her, I have been greatly impressed by her unwavering commitment to excellence and her high level of professionalism. She continually seeks opportunities to challenge herself and well deserves this position.

I worked closely with Magdalini on a project for the California State University, Long Beach campus from fall of 2022 to fall of 2023. The project posed many challenges, which included navigating a fast-moving schedule, a changing scope, multiple user groups, and multiple submittal packages. However, throughout these challenges, Magdalini maintained an organized and methodical approach to her work and demonstrated exceptional problem-solving abilities, technical prowess and design sensitivity. She tackled every task head on, proactively educating herself on subjects and topics unfamiliar to her. I found myself relying upon her heavily and attribute much of the project's success to her dedication and tenacity.

In addition to meeting her project responsibilities, she served as the Co-Chair of our office's in-house AREU Committee, which is dedicated to assisting those pursuing licensure within our firm. She also served as the Director of the Emerging Professionals Committee for the AIA's Pasadena-Foothill Chapter. Through both roles, she has demonstrated strong leadership and communication skills.

Magdalini is an extraordinary professional and represents a future generation of architects that continuously push the envelope and whose contributions considerably better the practice.

For these reasons, I highly recommend Magdalini as the Young Architect Representative for AIA California.

Sincerely,



Lisa Canoy, AIA NCARB
Senior Associate, Project Manager

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