




## Nominee to the AIA CA Board of Directors

Name:	Daniel Perez, AIA, LEED AP	
Position Nominated for:	Treasurer/Secretary	
A 100-Word (maximum) summary of your background, education, professional history, and service to the professions.		
<p>Daniel Perez, AIA, LEED AP, is Principal of Studio Perez, a San Francisco-based design practice he founded in 2005. With more than 30 years of professional experience, he specializes in affordable housing, public education, and adaptive reuse projects. A graduate of Arizona State University (B.S. in Design) and the University of California, Berkeley (M.Arch), Daniel has combined design leadership with service to the profession. He served on the AIA San Francisco Board of Directors (2016–2024), including as President in 2023, and currently serves as AIA California Board Director, EDI Committee Chair, and New Governance Task Force member.</p>		
A 200-word (maximum) summary of the candidate's philosophy, goals, and objectives in serving in this office.		
<p>As AIA California transitions into a new governance model, the Treasurer/Secretary will play a pivotal role in ensuring continuity, transparency, and alignment of financial and procedural oversight with our evolving structure. My candidacy is grounded in proven leadership and a commitment to stewardship that strengthens our organization's foundation.</p> <p>Having served as both Secretary and Treasurer at AIA San Francisco, I bring direct experience managing records, upholding fiduciary duties, and co-chairing finance committees. I have consistently emphasized transparency, accountability, and member-focused decision-making. My work on the AIA California Planning and Finance Committee and New Governance Task Force has deepened my understanding of the structural changes ahead and the importance of clear communication and adaptation during this transition.</p> <p>My goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancing transparency in reporting and procedural clarity.</li><li>• Supporting innovative revenue strategies that reduce reliance on dues.</li><li>• Aligning financial planning with AIA California's core commitments: equity, climate action, and emerging professionals.</li><li>• Ensuring bylaws and procedures reflect our values and support the new governance framework.</li></ul> <p>I believe this office must balance stewardship of resources with bold investments in the future of our profession. I am committed to serving as both a fiduciary steward and a principled leader during this critical moment for AIA California.</p>		
E-photos: please provide an image with a minimum of 300 dpi, average size is 2"x3", in either jpeg or png.		Please attach to your email response.
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.		Please attach to your email response.

### Next Steps:

- Candidates have received the invitation to the meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2025 Board of Directors virtual meeting. Candidates are welcome to attend in person, if they are able to.
- Candidates will give a speech not to exceed 3 minutes during the November 14, 2025 board meeting. Speech can be in-person, virtually, or pre-recorded.

## Nomination Letter

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09/09/25

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Sacramento, CA 95811

Attn: mdouet@aiaocalifornia.org

**Re: Nomination of Daniel Perez, AIA, LEED AP for AIA California Treasurer/Secretary**

Dear AIA California,

It is my privilege to nominate Daniel Perez, AIA, LEED AP, for the position of Treasurer/Secretary of AIA California.

Daniel has demonstrated exceptional leadership through his service at both the local and state levels of the Institute. At AIA San Francisco, he served with distinction in nearly every officer role, culminating in his presidency in 2023. He currently serves on the AIA California Board of Directors, chairs the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, serves on the Planning and Finance and CE Committees, and is a member of the New Governance Task Force, helping guide the transition to a new model that will shape the future of our organization.

With his deep experience as both Treasurer and Secretary at AIA San Francisco, Daniel brings the financial acumen, governance knowledge, and commitment to transparency that this role requires. His ability to combine strategic vision with practical oversight makes him uniquely suited to serve AIA California in this pivotal position.

I am honored to put forward his name and respectfully urge your consideration of his nomination. He would be a great asset to the AIA California office and brings years of experience from a very successful and important local chapter, please don't hesitate to reach out to me any time with questions at 415-702-1609.

Sincerely,

Hafsa Burt, AIA, LEED Fellow, Principal, hb+a Architects

AIA California Member in Good Standing

October 6, 2025

Executive Committee and Board of Directors  
AIA California  
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Re: Letter of Support for **Daniel Perez, AIA for AIA California 2026-2027 Treasurer/Secretary**

Dear Members of the AIA California Executive Committee and Board of Directors:

I am honored to provide a letter of support for **Daniel Perez, AIA NOMA LEED AP for AIA California Treasurer/Secretary for the 2026-2027 term.**

Daniel has served the profession through the AIA for over three decades at the national, local and state levels. His long service as Treasurer, Secretary and President of AIA San Francisco (AIASF) has prepared him well to lead AIA California (AIACA) as the next Treasurer/Secretary, where clear procedures and sound financial stewardship are essential to maintaining member trust. Daniel's thoughtful approach balances fiscal responsibility with a vision for bold, member-focused programs.

As a current AIACA Board Director from San Francisco, Daniel contributes and leads through the Planning and Finance and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committees. As a member of the AIACA New Governance Task Force, his insights have been invaluable in shaping the transition to AIACA's future governance model. Daniel's ability to link long-term strategic goals with the practical realities of financial oversight and organizational process will be a critical asset during this period of change. As President of AIASF in 2023, Daniel guided a timely and successful opening of the Center for Architecture + Design, a milestone which demonstrates his ability to bring complex projects to completion with integrity.

It has been a privilege for me to have a meaningful ongoing, decades-long association with Daniel through programs of both AIASF and AIACA, and in industry-wide initiatives which support and represent sound business and professional goals and objectives of AIA on behalf of architects and the built environment. This has included mentorship, education and licensure and civic focused programs.

**Daniel Perez, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP** will bring his unique and invaluable experience, knowledge, talent, passion, collaborative spirit and professional commitment to sound fiduciary and administrative stewardship to the AIACA Board as its Treasurer/Secretary for 2026-27. For all these reasons, I am honored to support him and strongly recommend him for this position.

Sincerely yours,



Rona G. Rothenberg, FAIA, DBIA, PMP  
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