

2027 LEADERSHIP ELECTION

Candidate Profile



Amy Eliot, AIA

**Candidate for First Vice
President/President-Elect**

Term: 2027

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

A Program Design Manager serving the client side of SFO, Amy Eliot is a recognized leader in Northern California and a passionate practitioner-educator committed to civic engagement, community-building and investing in the future of our profession. She has empowered her practice experience leading a small local design studio, three regional firms and to her tenure with global firms Ennead and SOM with her 30-year career in architectural education at CCA, bringing synergy and deep understanding of the discipline, practice and profession of architecture to her stewardship roles as Board Member, CAF Regent and MDC Chair and VP at AIA CA.

PHILOSOPHY, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

AIA California stands at a pivotal moment. While our profession faces significant challenges, it also has extraordinary opportunities to expand its impact and relevance. We can do so by aligning advocacy, education, and political action around clear priorities and measurable outcomes, strengthening our collective voice, elevating the profession, and preparing architects to succeed in a rapidly changing world. The 2027-2030 Strategic Plan provides a framework for meaningful progress through focused engagement, transparency, and stronger collaboration among the Board, CRC, chapters, and our 11,000 members. Together, I believe we can build a culture that initiates the transformation of practice. Our leadership in climate action legislation and response to the 2025 Los Angeles fires demonstrate the power of partnership, agility, and decisive action when addressing urgent societal challenges. We can learn from these accomplishments by focusing on implementation, deepening member participation, and leveraging the expertise of our dedicated staff to drive lasting impact. As stewards of our profession, we must invest today in those who will shape its future. By championing equity and inclusion through commitment to mentorship, and professional growth, we can empower the next generation of architects to lead with vision and create a more just, equitable, and resilient California.