

2027 REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTION

Candidate Profile



Hafsa Burt, FAIA

Candidate for Regional Director

REGION 2

AIA San Francisco

Term: 2027-2028

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Practising Architect with 27 years of experience and founder of hb+a Architects, a business focused on climate forward thinking for 20+ years spanning transportation, residential and non residential realms. I started the firm with sustainability as the ethos in 2006 and since the firm has been steadfast with that mission on all projects small and large. In 2009 led the healthy building movement focused on occupants' health by developing performance specifications focused on Indoor Environmental Quality and through peer advocacy in the west coast. The studio has also been part of invigorating ignored neighborhoods working closely with redevelopment agencies.

PHILOSOPHY, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

AIA California is an enormous platform with a lot of skilled talent and knowledge to guide policy work at the state level that can affect practice, climate action, social and equitable goals. I want to use my years of understanding the ins and outs of working within the CalGreen Collaborative and committees (advocacy/Embodied Carbon working Group) to drive such action and become a support base for impactful work and change. The regional board has the potential to work with the amazing staff at AIA and use resources for transformative change in our industry, whether it is resilient infrastructure or distinctive solutions in varied sectors working on real solutions with measurable outcomes. I have always seen this being the greatest strength of AIA California, real work gets done for substantive results at the legislative level affecting myriads of our industry's pain points. When we come together at the state level, we bring the strengths of our regions and practical knowledge to work against statewide structural inefficiencies for meaningful measures, bills, initiatives and proposals that positively affect the wider populace. I am still a dreamer who believes in creating positive change through my profession grounded in practical experience.