

2027 REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTION

Candidate Profile



Jesse Santiago, AIA

Candidate for Regional Director

REGION 9

AIA San Fernando Valley; AIA Ventura County

Term: 2027-2028

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I am an architect with over 12 years of professional experience. My experience ranges from luxury residential, hospitality and multi-family development. I have served as a member of the AIA California Council board of Directors, the AIA SFV Board of Directors and as component president, co-chair of Woodbury University School of Architecture Alumni Council, University of Redlands Alumni Association Board of Directors, and as a subject matter expert for NCARB. I hold licensure in the State of California and am accredited by NCARB. I received my Bachelor of Architecture and a Certificate of Urban Policy from Woodbury University.

PHILOSOPHY, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

My philosophy is driven by three principles: inspiring through thoughtful dialogue, delivering practical solutions and advancing the merits of the architectural profession. In every endeavor, my intent is to cultivate lasting relationships, empower team leaders and uphold the integrity and lasting value of our discipline. To support the organization's mission, my goals are to actively support the ongoing implementation of our governance model, leverage our organization's transformative power to cultivate the next generation of leaders, and advocate for strategic partnerships that elevate the measurable value of architecture in our communities. To achieve these goals, my intent is to

1. Governance: actively engage in standing committees and facilitate open channels of communication between board leadership to support decision-making.
2. Cultivate leadership. Support established efforts that connect emerging professionals with established mentors to build a diverse pipeline of leaders.
3. Advocacy. Engage civic and industry partners to demonstrate the measurable impact architects have in our communities.