

Planning Commission Applicant

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Application Date: 05/17/21

Reside in Santa Monica: no

If yes, number of years:

Hold an elected position: no

If yes, please specify:

INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Current or prior service on city boards/commissions:

I am currently a member of the Building and Life Safety Commission seeking a second term

Community activities:

Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, 2020 - present

Chair, Advisory Group, AIA National Construction Contract Administration Knowledge Community, 2018, 2019

Member, Emerging Professional Communication Work Group, AIA National, 2017 – present

Member, Communication Advisory Committee (CAC), AIA California Council, 2017 – present

At-large Representative, AIA Strategic Council, 2017-2018

Member, Best Practice Committee

Editor-In-Chief, Council Yearbook 2017

Member, Emerging Technology workgroup

Communication Director, AIA National Young Architects Forum Advisory Committee, 2017- present

Member, Advisory Group, AIA National Construction Contract Administration Knowledge Community, 2014 – present

Member, AIA National Diversity Council, 2016

Editor-In-Chief, CONNECTION, AIA National Young Architects Forum, 2017-2018

Senior Editor, CONNECTION Editorial Committee, AIA National Young Architects Forum, 2014 – 2016

Member, Committee On The Environment (COTE), AIA California Council, 2013 – present

Member, Advocacy Advisory Committee (AAC), AIA California Council, 2015

Member, Board of Directors, AIA Long Beach | South Bay Chapter, 2013 – 2014

Member, National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) Visiting Team, 2018 – present

Co-founder/President, Center of American Architects for Chinese Nationals (CAACN), 2015 – present

Editor-In-Chief, National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) Magazine, 2016 – 2017

Editor, NOMA Magazine, 2015

Co-chair, Volunteer Staffing and Coordination Committee, USGBC 2016 GreenBuild Convention and Expo, 2015-2016

Member, Advocacy Committee, USGBC-CA, 2015 – 2016

National Director, American Institute of Building Design (AIBD), 2015 – present

Editor-In-Chief, AIBD Magazine, American Institute of Building Designer (AIBD), 2015 – present

Founder / President, Los Angeles Chapter, American Institute of Building Designer (AIBD), 2015-present

Qualifications, experience, education, and technical or professional requirements:

Licensed Architect, California

LEED Accredited Professional

NCARB certified Architect

CSI Certified Construction Document Technologist – CDT

Winner, 2020 NAHB Young Professional Award

Winner, 2020 BIA RISE Award

Recipient, 2016 AIA National Young Architects Award

Recipient, 2016 BD+C 40 Under 40

Recipient, 2016 ENR California Top 20 Under 40

Recipient, 2015 AIA California Council Young Architect Award

Areas of demonstrated expertise:

I have been heavily involved with the architectural community both at multiple local, state and national levels. My experience includes working with many public/educational clients including Pomona USD, Torrance USD, Port of Long Beach. I am currently a consultant hired by the Santa Monica College Facilities Planning Department. I am highly familiar with the California Building Code and Disable access requirements. My practice (an S corporation) also do tenant improvements and residential designs and I am familiar with local zoning and planning regulations and have tremendous experience working with local jurisdictions.

I am currently part of the workgroup (Building Code Action Committee) developing the next cycle (2021-2022) International Building Code.

I am also very actively in the profession and the architect community. I was elected an At-large representative to the National American Institute of Architects Strategic Council. The AIA Strategic Council is the institute's think tank in charging of the strategic planning of the institute. I am also heavily involved with community outreach and spoke at various colleges, universities and conferences.

Goals:

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Vision:

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Personal Qualities:

I have been serving multiple leadership positions at various professional organizations including the American Institute of Architects (AIA), National Organization of Minority Architects, US Green Building Council, National Architectural Accreditation Board, National Council of Architectural Registration, etc. My contributions to the professional and local communities were recognized by the multiple awards I received, including the 2016 AIA National Young Architects Award, 2015 AIA California Young Architect Award, BD+C 40 Under 40 recipient and the Engineering News Record California 20 Under recipient. I was elevated to the AIA College of Fellows

Will you be able to commit the necessary time to perform your duties if appointed to the board?

yes

How did you learn about the vacancy in this board or commission? (select all that apply)

Other

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Occupation: Architect

Business name:

Business address:

Business phone: