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Candidate for Vice President of Government Relations AIACC 2019-2020

Summary of Background, Education, Professional History and Service to the Profession

I hold a B.S. in Education with early work in teaching and legal research. After earning the Master of Architecture and private practice, I began a 32 year career as an architect in government and industry. I have served the capital programs at Stanford, Kaiser and AllianzAG North America in their major capital programs and then moved to government. Now in my 18th year as a public architect, I’ve led the State courthouse building program and the capital program in local government. As a Citizen Architect and through the AIA I have contributed nationally and locally my entire career.

Philosophy, Goals and Objectives in serving as 2019-2020 Vice President of Government Relations

As a champion for accessible justice and design excellence in justice and other civic architecture, I have worked intensively for many years on governance of building projects, with the three branches of California government and with urban, regional, State and other officials in many jurisdictions. All of this, and my dedicated work with the AIA Public Architect’s Advisory Group and diverse public architects informs my philosophy, goals and objectives for this position:

• Utilize my experience and relationships with other government architects within and outside California in strategizing issues of importance to the profession for AIACC consideration.
• Frame key strategies and action plans related to governance and regulation of public and private practice associated with: Competitive selection; Bidding and sourcing of public projects; Taxation; Licensure; Conflict of interest; County and City Architect designations for public entities; Uniform building codes and standards; Ethics in professional practice; Permitting and jurisdictional authority of building projects
• Inform and cultivate new and existing working partnerships with architects and allied professionals and legislators in the branches of California government for working dialogue with the AIACC and sister organizations
• Commence collaborative interaction with the Division of the State Architect and local government officials for consistency and uniform practice