



# VALUES STATEMENT

The AIASF Board of Directors and Staff are guided by these principles in carrying out their duties:

## RELEVANCE

AIASF is a resource for our members and supports elevating public awareness of the value of architects and architecture to society and the communities we serve. We demonstrate the central role architects play in the design and construction industry, protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and advancing solutions that directly impact our most compelling social, economic, and environmental challenges. We serve our members with professional development opportunities, networking, and advocacy locally and nationally.

## EQUITY

AIASF supports the promotion of human and civil rights, and universal respect for human dignity. AIASF champions a culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion within the architecture profession and the building community to create a better environment for all. AIASF encourages and celebrates the contributions of those who bring diverse experiences, views, and needs into the design process. It is our goal to promote the strategic execution of best practices in the recruitment, retention, and promotion of our profession's best talent at every level of architectural practice regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical abilities, religious practices, or level of position. Achieving this vision has a direct impact on the relevance of our profession and the world's prosperity, health, and future.

## PUBLIC BENEFIT

The AIASF advocates for policies and programs that promotes excellent design that advances equitable access to environmental quality, physical activity, safety, beauty, and mental and social well-being. AIASF supports working in collaboration and partnerships with public health professionals and allied organizations for the implementation of design solutions that facilitate safe and healthy environments for all members of society and consider health impacts throughout the life of a project.

## COMMUNITY

AIA San Francisco is a community of architects that works to strengthen our respective communities through considerate and exceptional design of public and civic buildings as well as the spaces in between.

We must advocate for policies that invest in well-designed civic infrastructure that equitably and inclusively improve our community's quality of life.

We strive to be inclusive to all and engage with community members that may never commission our services, but whose voices are equally important.



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### SUSTAINABILITY

AIASF empowers architects to design a world that allows people, communities, and our planet to thrive. The AIASF also advocates for policies to promote the design of healthy buildings and the well-being of its occupants. AIASF further advocates all Bay Area communities to join with us in changing the course of the planet's long-term future by supporting governmental and private sector policies and programs, including the development, evaluation, use of codes, standards and evidence-based rating systems that promote the design, preservation, and construction of sustainable communities and high-performance buildings. The AIASF promotes design solutions that protect the health of human and natural systems and limit the built environment's negative impact on the planet.

### LEADERSHIP

The AIASF believes in guiding its members to be civically minded professionals who provide leadership and education to their constituents as part of their service to society. AIASF and its members also appreciate how maintaining relevance in civic, social equity in the built environment affects our society and cultural growth. AIASF further believes in being a transparent organization that is responsible for leading and guiding the architectural profession by providing opportunities for mentorship and growth to its emerging professionals who will become future leaders in our society at large.