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Candidate for AIA Virginia At-large Director

As a dedicated professional in the field of architecture, my values are deeply rooted in a love for learning, care for the profession, and equity across the discipline. These values have guided my career, shaping my approach to every presentation, research project and design critique. While the role of an architect is highly regulated, I believe that architecture is *the art and science of shaping the world*, and as such, requires skills that exist within and outside of traditional forms of practice.

My vision for AIA Virginia is to foster greater diversity of roles within the discipline of architecture. I see the future of our organization as one that encompasses the myriad ways architects and designers can impact the built environment. Achieving this vision will require us to bridge the age-old gap between the academy and practice, and to curate the ways average Virginians understand the importance of architects and designers. Effective engagement with stakeholders is crucial for the success of any organization.

My approach to stakeholder engagement includes creating shared language and a shared framework. I am committed to ensuring that associate members, like myself, have a voice in our decision-making process and a reason to remain engaged. By fostering open dialogue and expanding the impact of those who will not pursue licensure, we can create a more equitable and responsive organization.

In conclusion, my philosophy as a board member is grounded in learning, care, and equity. I am dedicated to increasing the public value of architects and designers and am eager to contribute my skills and experiences to help achieve this vision. I look forward to the opportunity to work with fellow board members and all professionals across the state to create a brighter future for AIA Virginia and the architectural profession.

Wishing you peace, good health, and well wishes,

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