

Contra Costa County
Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553



August 1, 2019

Mr. David Meckel, FAIA
Chair, 2019 AJA Fellowship Nominating Committee
AIA San Francisco

Dear Mr. Meckel,

It is my distinct privilege to provide this letter in support of Fani Hansen's proposed FAIA nomination.

I served as a City Councilmember, Vice-Mayor and Mayor during the planning and development stages for our new Pittsburg City Hall. Knowing this would be a once-in-a-generation project and one key to the vision of our community we conducted an extensive recruitment for an architect. From the very beginning we knew we had found someone special with Fani Hansen.

She embraced the project not simply as municipal building but as a reflection of our unique community spirit and vision. She worked with us and engaged all facets of the city to develop a plan for central hub that continues to this day to be an ever growing and expanding part of our revitalization efforts. It has proven to be an anchor for a new County Court building, an E-BART extension and a just recently approved hotel complex.

As a Councilmember, County Supervisor, State Assemblymember and now as our County Clerk/Recorder and Registrar of Voters I have had the privilege of working with many dedicated professionals on a variety of projects. Without a doubt working with Fani was a true highlight and joy. Her energy, spirit, dedication and true joy in her work came through at every phase of our project and I can think of no one who better reflects the role and definition of an "architect" in its every iteration than Fani Hansen.

It would be an honor to offer any further information in support of her nomination that you might desire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Canciamilla". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" being the most prominent.

Joseph E. Canciamilla
County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters