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TO: APA California Chapter Board

FROM: Stephanie Roxas, Vice President for Professional Development
Ashley Atkinson, President

SUBJECT: Appointment of Statewide Programs Coordinator

The Board is asked to consent to the appointment of Christopher (Chris) Rhie of Los Angeles to the position of Statewide Programs Coordinator. The duties of the Statewide Programs Coordinator are to assist the Vice President for Professional Development to coordinate Chapter-sponsored workshops and programs; promote Chapter and Section programs throughout California; and implement related initiatives from the Chapter Strategic Plan.

Chris is an urban planner and Associate Principal at BuroHappold Engineering. He has extensive experience with the development of sustainability and climate action plans for city and county governments, as well as colleges and universities across the United States. Prior to joining BuroHappold, Chris worked on climate action initiatives as an energy analyst at the City of New York and the City of Oakland. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Yale University and master's degrees in city planning and real estate development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Christopher's APA experience includes serving on the Programs Committee of the Los Angeles Section and as Urban Design Co-Chair at the New York Metro Chapter.