

Candidate to be Included on Slate

Michigan Chapter

Board Member at Large

Pablo Majano, AICP

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Position Statement:

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit the following materials for your consideration in nominating the next Board of Director to serve the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP). As a planner in the State of Michigan for the past decade, I strongly believe in advancing the planning profession, fostering professional growth with my peers, and uplifting communities with limited resources to cultivate more sustainable futures for all.

My passion for planning began in my adolescence. I grew up in Washington D.C., as a first-generation Latino-American raised by a single mother, who spoke very limited English and whose circumstances required her to work multiple jobs to support our family. With determination and purpose, I fought to overcome the challenges of systemic barriers to advance both the lives of myself and younger brother, bringing us to Michigan to seek access to higher education. Resiliency has shaped my life and ultimately inspired my career.

Throughout my professional career, I have prioritized advocacy, empathy, and a deep commitment to equity, values that closely align with MAP's mission to foster healthy, safe, attractive, and successful communities through quality community planning. My planning experience at both the local and State levels has afforded me the understanding that collaboration and regional partnerships are critical to achieving local objectives. I consistently advocate for education and training, as they are key facets in determining long-term success of a community's economic goals and strategic priorities.

As I embark on the next ten years of my planning career, I am inspired to continue making great investments in the State of Michigan, supporting communities in planning for their future environmental and economic resilience. As a MAP Board Member, I will champion inclusive planning, elevating/mentor emerging professionals, and strengthen partnerships that help communities thrive. Above all, I am committed to advancing the planning profession and making Michigan a place where everyone feels they belong.

Work Experience

Senior Community Planner, Michigan Economic Development Corporation | 2017 – Present

Community Development Analyst, City of East Lansing | 2015 - 2017

Historic Preservation Officer, City of East Lansing | 2015 - 2017

Vacant Property Coordinator, City of East Lansing | 2014 – 2015

Education

Master of Public Administration, 2020

Central Michigan University

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning, 2014

Michigan State University

Outstanding Planning Project: Resiliency and Sustainability | *Redevelopment Ready*

Communities (RRC) Resiliency Toolkit (2022) |

Michigan Association of Planning Award | 2024
Policy, Law, or Tool Award, Sustainable

Communities Division Awards for Excellence in
Sustainability | *Redevelopment Ready*

Achievements

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) |

2024 – Present

Affiliations

Member | American Planning Association |
2014 – Present
Member | Michigan Association of Planning |
2014 – Present
Consultative Panel | MSU Regional Economic
Innovation | 2021 - Present
Commissioner | Lansing School District Equity
Advisory Commission | 2022-2023
Board Member | Haven House | 2016 – 2019

