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An experienced proponent of healthy communities and revitalized urban centers, Ernesto Vasquez has pioneered the role of the "architectural diplomat." Mr. Vasquez is Partner and CEO of SVA Architects, an architecture and planning firm delivering education, civic, cultural, religious, health-care and mixed-use design solutions. He is particularly adept at forging together the goals of both public and private community interest groups into successful developments. As a renowned community advocate with extensive experience in both public and private sectors, Mr. Vasquez's portfolio includes projects for student housing, civic, multi-family residential, affordable, transit-oriented, design-build, and mixed-use. His broad experience in these areas and his ability to blend the goals of both public and private clients gives him the unique ability to help cities create health community environments for all residents.

Mr. Vasquez oversees and supports SVA Architect's design teams in new construction, restoration, asset management, expansion and modernization programs, as well as planning efforts for private and public institutions. Mr. Vasquez's insightful and comprehensive designs answer to the prerogatives of smart-growth and transit-oriented development. He envisions and develops environments that are socially and environmentally responsible and economically vigorous.

With a career that spans multiple decades, Mr. Vasquez has been richly rewarded for his innovative work. Awards include over a three dozen Gold Nugget Awards, nearly four dozen awards from the National Association of Home Builders, and numerous additional awards from the Urban Land Institute, the Building Industry Association, and the American Institute of Architects including, his elevation to The AIA College of Fellows during the 2014 National AIA Convention.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture, with honors, from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.