ASSOCIATE RESUMÉ

Ruchira Gaur

Associate / BIM Director / Senior Urban Designer



PROFESSION

- Urban Designer
- LEED Accredited Professional, BD+C
- Certified Passive House Designer

EDUCATION

- Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA; Master of Urban Design
- Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India; Bachelor of Architecture

FIRM RESPONSIBILITIES

Ruchira has 12 years experience as an Urban Designer with a strong background in Architecture. Her work focuses on community building, sustainability, responsible growth, and the relationship between zoning, form based code, and objective design standards. Ruchira has led several major urban design projects for VMWP including the San José Citywide Standards and Guidelines which won the Statewide APA Award for Urban Design. She specializes in quick feasibility studies, 3D modeling and visualization, and 3D printing to help clients understand the full potential of a project site. Ruchira is responsible for leading and implementing the firm-wide transition of CAD/BIM tools to Revit and maintaining the latest BIM standards.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Ruchira is passionate about minimalist designs and sustainable community development. Prior to joining VMWP, Ruchira worked closely with developers and City Planning departments in Bay Area, New York City and Connecticut to design market rate and affordable housing, mid-rise and high-rise commercial, and mixed-use developments. She also worked as an Urban Designer and Land Planner in Philadelphia, where she worked on transforming suburban malls into new urban centers with mixed-use development.

Apart from Urban Design and Architecture, she loves graphic design, creating tangible and visual art via 3D printing.

MAIN PROJECTS

- San José Citywide Design Standards and Guidelines, San José, CA - citywide *standards and guidelines*
- Piedmont Objective Design Standards, Piedmont, CA - *objective design standards*
- Oakland Objective Design Standards, Oakland, CA - *objective design standards*
- Vivalon Healthy Aging Campus, San Rafael, CA - *affordable senior housing*
- Balboa Reservoir, San Francisco, CA - *mixed-income, workforce housing*
- Roseland Family Apartments, Santa Rosa, CA - *affordable family housing*
- Mountain View Downtown Precise Plan Update, Mountain View, CA - *master plan*

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS

- APA California Chapter - Urban Design of Award of Excellence 2022: *San José Citywide Design Standards & Guidelines*
- APA Northern California Chapter - Urban Design of Award of Excellence 2022: *San José Citywide Design Standards & Guidelines*
- APA California Chapter - Urban Design Merit Award 2021: *Balboa Reservoir*
- APA Northern California Chapter - Urban Design of Award of Excellence 2021: *Balboa Reservoir*
- PCBC Gold Nugget, Grand Award - Best On-the-Boards 2021: *Balboa Reservoir*

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