

## **Biography: Commissioner Olivia Mae M. Asuncion**



Image Description: A woman using a wheelchair with glasses and black hair, dressed in gray blazer over a white blouse, in front of a gray background.

Olivia Mae M. Asuncion, AIA, has oriented her career path towards building accessible communities and advocating for inclusive design as a licensed architect and design researcher from Oakland, California.

She is currently a Project Architect at Quattrocchi Kwok Architects, working on K-12 educational facilities. She started her professional career helping Bay Area non-profit organizations with their construction, project, and property management needs, including the Ed Roberts Campus, a universally designed building in Berkeley that hosts several disability organizations. Other architecture experience includes the design and construction of public safety buildings, public sector offices and community spaces.

Asuncion is also passionate about improving architecture through environmental design research. Notable projects include: a study assessing the efficacy and accessibility of existing evacuation protocols and building safety codes for people with disabilities; collaboration with University of Oregon faculty on the post-occupancy evaluation of the Ed Roberts Campus; and a Fulbright Program project studying the accessibility of elementary schools in the Philippines.

An experienced lecturer and Young Architect leader, Asuncion shares her knowledge and passion to university students and young design professionals to encourage future generations of architects to prioritize inclusivity in the profession, thus creating a more diverse and equitable world.



Most recently, Asuncion has received the 2025 AIA Young Architects Award and the San Francisco Business Times' 2024 40 Under 40 recognition. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from the University of California at Berkeley and her Master of Architecture degree from the University of Oregon. She is currently serving as a public member of the U.S. Access Board.