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### David T. Haresign, FAIA

Partner

Bonstra | Haresign ARCHITECTS



David Haresign, FAIA is a founder and partner in Bonstra | Haresign ARCHITECTS. David is a specialist in large-scale, complex projects, leading project teams and organizations with conceptual clarity, meticulous detail and a commitment to design excellence, social responsibility and the profession. He implements diverse project typologies with challenging entitlements, large integrated teams, and tight fiscal constraints. David engages the public through outreach and pro-bono activism, developing alliances and recruiting through leadership at the AIA and the academy, and exposing the results through awards, publication and presentations. His integrated project delivery achieves iconic design, technical innovation, restoration and re-purposing of old fabric that re-invigorates neighborhoods. Committed to smart growth planning and preservation, David is a socially responsible architect charting a sustainable future. He promotes affordable housing as a basic right and cornerstone of smart growth - retaining less affluent residents in old neighborhoods and housing them in new ones. His outreach extends to boards of related professional organizations including an alumni advisory committee, a nationally recognized real estate development graduate program, and community organizations. His projects are widely recognized with over 90 national, regional and local design awards, and in international and national publications including Urban Land, residential architect, Inform, Architecture DC and the Washington Post. He mentors and inspires young architects with individual guidance. David is a sought-after design critic, and a frequent lecturer and panelist on current architecture and practice at noted regional universities and public conferences. He is a registered architect, completed his architecture degree at the University of Virginia in 1976, and studied graduate planning. He serves the American Institute of Architects as the Washington, DC Chapter chairman of the Honors Committee, previously as chapter President, board officer and director, and past co-chair the AIAIDC Design Excellence Committee. David recently served as co-chair of the Host Chapter Committee and Design Leadership Committee Chair for the AIA 2012 National Convention and Design Exposition in Washington, DC, and was elevated to the College of Fellows, the AIA's highest honor. He is a member of the Cosmos Club in Washington DC, and a director of its Historic Preservation Foundation.

#### **Professional Registrations**

#### NCARB - DC, MD and VA

#### Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Architects AIA|DC Washington Chapter of the AIA Honors Committee Chair, Past President, Officer and Director, Past Design Excellence Committee Chair; Past Host Chapter 2012 National AIA Convention Committee Co-Chair; Unassigned Member - Northern Virginia + Potomac Valley Chapters
- Baltimore City Planning Department Urban Design and Architecture Review Panel
- Lambda Alpha International George Washington Chapter, Past Director and Chair of the Committee on Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Civil Engineering
- UVA School of Architecture Regional Advisory Committee
- UMD School of Architecture, Real Estate Development Curriculum, Council of Advisors
- Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panelist and Speaker
- National Building Museum Capital Society Member
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- DC Preservation League
- DC Building Industry Association
- U.S. Green Building Council

#### Education

University of Virginia Bachelor of Science, Architecture, 1976
 Graduate Planning Studies, 1978-1979



#### **Practice Areas**

- Real Estate
- · Zoning, Land Use & Development

#### Education

- Ohio State University, M.C.R.P., 2005
- Ohio State University, B.A., 2000

## Stephen Varga

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Stephen has extensive experience in zoning and land use, sustainability best practice, comprehensive planning, as well as geographic information systems.

Prior to joining Cozen O'Connor, Stephen served as director of planning services at a Washington, D.C.-based boutique real estate firm, and served for nearly 10 years as an urban planner within the District of Columbia government.

From 2008-2010, Stephen worked at the District of Columbia Office of Planning, an agency which guides development in the District while implementing preservation, revitalization, and strategic goals. As a development review specialist, he was responsible for reviewing zoning applications and presented agency recommendations at public meetings. Additionally, he served as core team member of Zoning Regulations Review project, a multi-year effort to comprehensively revise and modernize the zoning regulations of the District. He produced zoning recommendation reports and zoning regulation text, particularly for mixed use, transit-oriented development, and sustainability subject areas. This work would eventually become adopted as "ZR16," the new zoning regulations of the District, in effect since September 6, 2016.

From 2011-2016, Stephen served at the District of Columbia Office of Zoning (DCOZ), an agency which provides administrative, professional, and technical assistance to the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of their oversight and adjudication of zoning matters in the District of Columbia. Upon joining DCOZ, Stephen worked as a zoning specialist, and eventually senior zoning specialist, where he was responsible for communicating complex technical and regulatory information to a wide range of stakeholders, including applicants, BZA, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and the public. In addition to carrying out his explanatory duties, he analyzed and managed hundreds of zoning applications per year, ensuring each complied with applicable procedures and requirements. He also improved the BZA application processes for applicants, and clarified rights and responsibilities for stakeholders, resulting in more-timely and efficient hearings. Additionally, he adapted BZA zoning processes in the Interactive Zoning Information System to conform with ZR16.

Stephen is a member of the American Planning Association, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and the United States Green Building Council.

