



Ramon “Ray” Wong

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Mr. Wong has been recognized by the Florida Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) as one of only six “Citizen Architects” in the entire State of Florida. The Citizen Architect award honors architects who have helped shape their communities through service and civic engagement. He was most recently made the recipient of the AIA Tampa Bay Bob Levison Award. The award recognizes a local chapter architect who has demonstrated continuous service to both the profession and the community. Mr. Wong has previously also been the recipient of the AIA Tampa Bay President’s Award which recognizes architects who demonstrate lasting influence and raised the standards of the profession.

Mr. Wong has been published in several journals including the Florida/Caribbean Architect Magazine, Building Design & Construction and was most recently featured, in August of 2021, in the Healthcare Design Magazine. Topics that he’s been asked to provide his perspective on include everything from emerging market disruptors in the healthcare industry, the benefits of process mapping in healthcare design and the intersection of architecture, design and Social Corporate Responsibility.

In his current professional capacity, as Healthcare Design Market Leader, Mr. Wong has been able to grow the Baker Barrios Architect’s brand recognition in the regional healthcare design market. In the short time that he’s been with the organization he’s been able to establish new relationships with, and deliver projects for, three of Tampa Bay’s most significant healthcare systems. Mr. Wong has elevated the level of healthcare design discourse both within and outside of the Organization. He’s done so through deliberate and rigorous conversations centered on healthcare best practice considerations and a passion to drive healthcare design forward.

Mr. Wong, outside of the work setting, continues to focus on civic and sociopolitical issues that are important to him. He was appointed, in 2020, by the mayor of the City of Tampa, to serve as a Board Member of the city’s Mayor’s Hispanic Advisory Council. In 2022 he was appointed to represent Hillsborough County Commissioner, Harry Cohen, in the Hillsborough County Community Action Board. In June of 2020 Mr. Wong was appointed by City of Tampa Mayor, Jane Castor, to serve on the Mayor’s Community Task Force on Policing and was later invited to speak on his experience by the Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida. Mr. Wong serves as an Advisory to the Florida Center for Design and Construction at USF and continues to contribute to his alma mater through various endeavors including, most recently, the establishment of the Aguilera-Wong Latino Scholarship at the USF School of Architecture and Community Design.