



MARIO ZACHARJASZ

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MARIO ZACHARJASZ is a champion for Latino and underserved communities in Philadelphia, and works to connect his passion for architecture with creating a positive impact in the areas that are the most meaningful to him.

As co-founder and principal of PZS Architects, LLC, in Philadelphia, Zacharjasz has made a powerful mark on the region over the last 25 years. His firm focuses on educational and institutional clients, and he has personally guided the firm's efforts to build relationships with local Latino organizations, such as Esperanza, Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM), and Congreso.

Zacharjasz's influence reaches well beyond the Philadelphia region. He has worked on projects in Florida, Georgia, Washington, North Carolina, St. Thomas and numerous endeavors in Puerto Rico.

With his tremendous energy and willingness to give back to the community, Zacharjasz gives much of his time in support of local nonprofit organizations, and he actively serves on several boards and committees throughout the city. He is on the Board of Directors for the Philadelphia Art Commission, the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation and the Kimmel Center, as well as the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army of Greater Philadelphia.

Zacharjasz was also appointed to the Philadelphia World Heritage Committee, and is a past president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Additionally, he is a past Chairman of the Board for the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, where he oversaw the creation of the first ever The State of Hispanic Business Report for the Greater Philadelphia region.

From Cuba and raised in Puerto Rico, Zacharjasz came to Philadelphia to earn his bachelor's degree at the Tyler School of Art and Architecture.