

avrp SKYPORT

About The Firm

AVRP Skyport is widely known across the region for its decades of design excellence, creativity, and planning some of the most prominent, visionary, and vibrant projects in Southern California. Located at 703 16th St., San Diego, CA 92101, AVRP Skyport strives to find and develop an original idea that drives the creative process for each project. Celebrating 40 years of creativity and accomplishment in 2016, the firm and its principals have earned nearly 150 design awards.

AVRP Skyport originated in 1976, when Doug Austin began a small design firm out of his home. Forty years later, the firm has designed billions of dollars' worth of iconic projects both domestically and internationally. Project types include urban infill, mixed-use, housing, education, corporate office, multigenerational space, health care and more. The firm is led by four principals: Douglas H. Austin, FAIA, LEED AP, MAIBC; Christopher T. Veum, AIA, IIDA; Randy Robbins, AIA, LEED AP; and Frank Wolden.

- AVRP Studios was originated by **Douglas H. Austin, FAIA**. A highly respected and widely recognized leader in design, Doug, “the architect,” directs the firm’s urban projects.
- **Randy Robbins, AIA, LEED AP**, is the firm’s “scholar/artist,” and has a keen eye for design and aesthetics with more than 40 years of experience in architecture and interior design. Joining the team in 1983, he is the design lead for the firm’s campus and community projects.
- **Christopher T. Veum, AIA, IIDA**, President of AVRP, joined the team in 1992. He leads the firm’s workplace and healthcare projects, and has become a sought-after speaker in how to provide hospitals with design that leads to high reliability. As “the chief strategist,” he oversees AVRP Skyport’s strategic growth, direction, and development.
- **Frank Wolden**, the firm’s newest principal, is AVRP Skyport’s “urbanist visionary.” He brings extensive experience in urban design and has gained a reputation as an educator, artist, and urban philosopher.

Frank Wolden joined the team in 2016, when the firm announced the merger of AVRP Studios and Skyport Studio to form AVRP Skyport. The new entity brings together the longevity, design excellence, and creativity of AVRP Studios with the highly regarded and innovative urban design specialist, Skyport Studio. The merger was formalized when the two regional firms joined forces for Seaport San Diego—the most significant urban, waterfront project in San Diego. The combined AVRP Skyport leverages AVRP’s 40 years of design excellence and a strong infrastructure, with Skyport’s creativity focused on urban projects. The merger infused new energy to the collaboration for the design and execution of some of the most visionary and high-profile projects in San Diego.