

## From the desk of your Executive Director

Dear AIA|LA Members and Esteemed AEC Community,

As we say ciao to a challenging yet resilient year, I am delighted to extend my warmest wishes for a joyous and prosperous New Year to each of you. May 2024 bring renewed energy, creativity, and success to our lives and endeavors.

This upcoming year promises to be a transformative one for AIA|LA, with a plethora of initiatives and events designed to elevate your professional journey. Our commitment to your growth and empowerment remains unwavering, and I am excited to share a glimpse of what lies ahead.

- ⇒ **Education Opportunities:** In 2024, AIA|LA is dedicated to enhancing your knowledge and skills. Anticipate targeted seminars aimed at providing insights into the latest construction technologies and materials. Our goal is to equip you with the tools necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving industry.
- ⇒ **Advocacy for the Profession:** Empowering your voice within the profession is a top priority. Join us throughout the year for our continuous Breakfast Series, providing intimate settings for you to connect with city leaders. In the fall, mark your calendars for the annual Legislation Day—an opportunity for architects to converge at City Hall and make a meaningful impact.
- ⇒ **Thought-Provoking Conferences:** Our conferences transcend traditional education; they serve as dynamic platforms for networking and community building. Commencing on March 1st is the Technology Conference, which focuses on AI and the latest technologies applicable to the architecture profession., followed by 1.5 Degree Celsius in April, delving into critical solutions for the climate change crisis. Encompass in May focuses on guiding us towards an equitable environment and fostering a diverse, inclusive profession. In July, Design for Dignity addresses urgent solutions for the housing and unhoused crisis in Los Angeles. Purposeful in August centers around healthcare, recognizing architecture's pivotal role in our collective health and wellness. September brings Creatives in Conversation, a new conference organized by the AIA|LA's Interior Architecture Committee, highlighting the diverse sources of creativity vital to our profession. Finally, in

October, Powerful aims to empower women in architecture, ensuring equity within our field. Each conference is meticulously crafted to spark conversations and catalyze positive change.

- ⇒ **Annual Awards Celebrations:** Prepare to showcase your outstanding work at our Annual Residential Architecture Awards (call for entry in early March) and the Design Awards (Call for Entry available in April). These events celebrate innovation and excellence in residential design and architecture that shapes a more sustainable, beautiful Los Angeles.
- ⇒ **Programs for Emerging Professionals and Small Firms:** We are dedicated to supporting the next generation of leaders. Look forward to mentorship opportunities, career-building programs for emerging professionals, and specialized education initiatives for smaller firms, ensuring a strong foundation for success.

As we embark on this exciting journey, I invite you to get involved, lead, and make your voice count. Together, we can shape a future that reflects the excellence and diversity of our profession.

I am inherently optimistic, and with the challenges of the past behind us, let us raise our glasses to a New Year filled with possibilities. The opening of the new Center for Communities is a testament to our collective progress, providing a hub for the AEC community that Los Angeles has long awaited.

In 2024, we anticipate a year of novelty, excitement, and success. On behalf of the AIA|LA staff, it is an honor to serve this incredible community and contribute to your professional success.

Here's to an amazing year of growth, collaboration, and achievement!

**Cheers!**

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