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Regional Architectural Design Awards Announced by the Long Beach/South Bay Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA)

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The Long Beach/South Bay Chapter of the **American Institute of Architects (AIA)** announced the winners of their **Architectural Design awards program selecting 14 award winning projects**. The awards were given to AIA members producing exceptional design, who live or practice within the Long Beach/South Bay chapter boundaries. Additionally, the AIA awarded a special “Community Design Advocate” award to Dr. Suja Lowenthal, Vice Mayor for the City of Long Beach, for her contributions of championing good design in the City of Long Beach.

A jury of world-renown Architects selected the 14 winners from a field of 41 high quality submissions, showcasing the design talent of the region. Jurors, Hank Koning, FAIA, Gwynne Pugh, FAIA, Michael Rotondi, FAIA, convened and commented that “the level of design quality was exceptionally high.”

The biannual awards were presented at the Awards Ceremony at the historic Rancho Los Alamitos on Saturday night, attended by over 110 guests.

Bob Murrin, FAIA, President of the AIA LBSB Chapter, and Principal with AC Martin, Architects, presented the coveted awards and noted “*These AIA design awards become a badge of honor for life, and become part of a building’s legacy and brand forever. I am extremely proud of the local architectural design talent in the Long Beach/South Bay region, evidenced by the high quality of submissions and award winners. These projects really showcase the value and creativity that Architects bring to our society. The owners of these projects should be commended for having the vision and understanding that good design is good for business and the community.*”

Winners were awarded in the following Architectural categories: Residential, Commercial, Institutional/Educational, Unbuilt Commissioned projects, and Unbuilt Non-Commissioned projects, and Historic Preservation. Four levels of awards were given: 3 Honor Awards (highest level), 6 Merit Awards, 4 Citation Awards, and a Jury Award for Urban Design.

The award winning Projects and Architects are as follows:

AIA Honor Awards:

- Kelly Sutherlin McCleod Architecture for The Olan G. and Aida Haffley House, renovation of a Richard Neutra house, Long Beach, CA (Honor Award, Historic Preservation)
- LPA for El Camino College Math and Business and Allied Health Building, Torrance, CA (Honor Award Institutional/Educational)
- Michael Lee Architects for Carla Ridge, Beverly Hills, CA (Honor Award, Residential)

AIA Merit Awards:

- Studio One Eleven for The Lakewood YMCA, Lakewood, CA (Merit Award, Commercial)
- Patrick Tighe Architecture for The Garrison Residence, Redondo Beach, CA (Merit Award, Residential)

- YNL Architects for Spatial Reclamation Street Median, Location Theoretical (Merit Award, Unbuilt - Theoretical)
- TSK for North Butte County Courthouse, Chico, CA (Merit Award, Institutional/Educational)
- Studio One Eleven for Formosa South at the Lot, West Hollywood, CA (Merit Award, Commercial)
- AC Martin for The Center for Arts at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA (Merit Award, Institutional/Educational)

AIA Citation Awards:

- Kirkpatrick Architects, A KAA Design Company, for Balance Hill, Los Angeles, CA (Citation Award, Residential)
- LPA for the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center, West Hollywood, CA (Citation Award, Unbuilt - Commissioned)
- AC Martin for the Digital Media Arts Center at Chapman University, City of Orange, CA (Citation Award, Institutional/Educational)
- HGA Architects and Engineers, for Los Angeles Harbor College Sciences Complex, Los Angeles, CA (Citation Award, Institutional/Educational)

AIA Jury Award for Urban Design

- Studio One Eleven for the Long Beach Parklet Program, Long Beach, CA (Jury Award for Urban Design)

AIA Community Design Advocate Award

Awarded to Dr. Suja Lowenthal, Vice Mayor and Councilwoman for the Second District in the City of Long Beach, for her contributions as a long time Urban Design advocate in the City of Long Beach. Suja was a key leader advocating for the Downtown Visioning Plan, new Civic Center project, Long Beach's Adaptive Reuse and Mills Act policies, street Parklets, bicycle and pedestrian friendly infrastructure, such as separated bike lanes and the Mark Bixby Bike and Pedestrian Path. Michael Bohn, a member of the AIA LBSB Board of Directors and Senior Principal at Studio One Eleven, commented on Lowenthal's impact saying, *"Her efforts to improve the built environment in Long Beach ranges from large scale, such as visioning the future of downtown, to incremental projects, such as promoting the first Parklets in Southern California. Without her leadership and passion, Long Beach would not be as vibrant as it is today."*

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) (www.aia.org) has served as the leading voice for architecture professionals since its founding in 1857. The AIA Long Beach / South Bay Chapter (<http://www.aialb-sb.org>) and (<https://www.facebook.com/American-Institute-of-Architects-Long-BeachSouth-Bay-235461913163602/timeline/>) is the local voice of the profession and is dedicated to serving and inspiring its members and the public through education, advocacy, and design excellence.





20" x 20" photo boards of each of the 41 project submissions on display at the Rancho Los Alamitos barn wall.



Over 110 attendees at the AIA Long Beach/South Bay Design Awards Dinner & Ceremony.



Michael Bohn, AIA, of Studio One Eleven, accepting a special Jury Award for the Long Beach Parklet Program, along with Dr. Suja Lowenthal, Vice Mayor of the City of Long Beach, and staff. Also pictured, Bob Murrin, FAIA, of AC Martin and President of the AIA LBSB Chapter.

Please contact us if you would like to view all the photos of the October 10, 2015, Design Awards event.

Photos and information of each award winning project submission will be submitted separately.

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