



**2019 AIA|LA Presidential Honorees
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Community, diversity, and social engagement by those who advance design excellence epitomize wide-ranging winners who have changed or are changing the field. The complete class of **2019 AIA|LA Presidential Honoree recipients** are:

- + **Gold Medal** (posthumously): Norma Merrick Sklarek, FAIA
- + **Emerging Practice**: Jose Herrasti, AIA, and Fernanda Oppermann, AIA – MUTUO
- + **25-Year Award**: Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden
- + **Community Contribution**: Los Angeles LGBT Center
- + **Building Team**: LA Plaza Village
- + **Design Advocate, Builder**: Morley Builders
- + **Design Advocate, Developer**: Clifford Beers Housing
- + **Robert Kennard, FAIA, Award for Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity**: Gabrielle Bullock, FAIA – Director of Global Diversity, Perkins+Will
- + **Educator Award**: Neil Denari, FAIA – Professor, UCLA Architecture and Urban Design Department
- + **Citizen Architect**: Ric. Abramson, FAIA
- + **Citizen Architect**: Deborah Weintraub, AIA
- + **Honorary AIA|LA**: Linda Dishman – President and CEO, Los Angeles Conservancy
- + **Honorary AIA|LA**: Gary Krakower, Affiliate AIA|LA – Senior Account Executive, ARC Document Solutions

In addition to advancing design excellence, the 2019 honorees, are characterized by community, diversity, and social engagement. They expand the nature of the profession itself and deepen ties to community and region through design.

LA Plaza Village, recipient of the Building Team award, harnesses a wide-ranging group of team members to deliver a far reaching, thoughtful project near the heart of the city. “The expansion of opportunity serves individual careers, architecture firms, and the people of Los Angeles,” noted AIA|LA Executive Director Carlo Caccavale, Hon. AIA|LA.

About the AIA|LA Design Awards

Recognizing excellence in design, the AIA|LA Design Awards, Next LA Awards and COTE LA Awards are a suite of prestigious design awards bestowed by the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles on Los Angeles-based architects and practices that qualify for AIA|LA membership.