

CALL FOR ENTRIES: HEALING THE HEART OF LA DESIGN COMPETITION

Friends of Residential Treasures: LA (FORT: LA) invites architects and designers to reimagine one of Los Angeles' historically, culturally, and beloved public or semi-public sites lost in the devastating 2025 LA Fires. Participants will select a site from a curated list and envision a new "residential treasure" for the city. This initiative is guided by three pillars: Memory, Resilience, and Recovery. Designs must honor the site's historical and cultural character, reflect the surrounding community's values, and incorporate sustainable methods to address contemporary challenges. Entirely conceptual, the competition aims to inspire creative dialogue on how history and innovation can converge to honor Los Angeles' dynamic legacy.

Participants must submit a concept statement, architectural drawings, and a concise 10-slide presentation summarizing their vision. Proposals will be judged on creativity, historical sensitivity, and innovative use of sustainable materials and climate resilience strategies. There will be a \$3,000 prize awarded to the winning team and additional honors for exceptional submissions. While not intended for construction, the competition celebrates the opportunity to reimagine lost spaces as visionary designs that heal the heart of LA.

Submissions are due by 5:00 PM PST on March 24, 2025, offering participants a platform to reflect on Los Angeles' heritage and spark conversations about its architectural and cultural future.

Learn more details at the submission portal.

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