



FORT: LA ANNOUNCES JURY AND EXHIBITION VENUES FOR THE HEALING THE HEART OF LA DESIGN COMPETITION

Friends of Residential Treasures Los Angeles (FORT: LA) is thrilled to announce the distinguished jury for the **Healing the Heart of LA Design Competition**, an initiative dedicated to reimagining Los Angeles' architectural treasures lost to the devastating 2025 wildfires.

The jury comprises leaders in architecture, preservation, and design criticism:

- **Frances Anderton** – Architecture and design writer and broadcaster
- **Adrian Scott Fine** – President and CEO, The Los Angeles Conservancy
- **Sharon Johnston** – Founder & Partner, Johnston Marklee
- **Sam Lubell** – Architecture editor and author
- **Siddhartha Majumdar** – Principal, Wyota Workshop; Board Member, FORT: LA
- **Rochelle Mills** – President and CEO, Innovative Housing Opportunities
- **Christina Morris** – Senior Field Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation

The top entries will be honored at a special ceremony on **Friday, April 25, at the Center for Communities**, where the designs will remain on display for a week following the event. Sponsored by ACLA and hosted by AIA|LA, this event will take place in the newly established Center for Communities, housed in a 1927 Neo-Classical bank building which serves as AIA|LA's offices and the home of Architecture for Communities Los Angeles (ACLA). Designed as a hub for the LA design community, the Center offers programming that highlights architecture's role in shaping the city and engages the public in the value of design.

In addition to this showcase, selected entries will also be exhibited the week following the event at **18th Street Arts Center** on Los Angeles' Westside, broadening the initiative's impact. Conceived as a radical think tank in the shape of an artist community, the 18th Street Arts Center is a globally recognized catalyst for deploying artistic imagination to meet society's needs. This exhibition is co-presented by FORT: LA and 18th Street Arts Center.