



# Architects Civic Lab

March 21, 2023 - Virtual

Empowering members for civic  
engagement and accessing  
brighter community futures



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“Architects possess a unique skill set essential to becoming successful participants and leaders in the community. Among others, these competencies include the critical knowledge areas of: ideation, vision, convening, connecting disparate elements, resource management, creativity, commitment, passion, and the ability to see what is not there yet. Our commitment should be fueled by being dedicated to the principle that we can be positive agents for real and meaningful good in the community.

While these are definite incentives to become engaged, there is often a reluctance to be involved for fear it may foreclose the potential for work in the community. Nothing could be further from the truth. Full disclosure of connections and interests will provide the bridge over that challenge. Honesty and integrity are the foundation on which all relationships are built, and this is especially true where we engage as catalysts for civic initiatives in the community. “  
– Judson Kline, FAIA

### AGENDA:

Civic Lab: Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> ; 9:00 – 11:00 AM

1. Advocacy (Lisa H. Nice, AIA LA Advocacy Committee Chair)
  - a. Advocacy as it relates to the profession of architecture.
  - b. What is meant by “civic engagement”, and how does that help a firm?
  - c. What does civic engagement look like? How is it done?
  - d. Do’s/Don’ts
2. State Politics (Adam Haddox, AIA LA Lobbyist)
  - a. How does a bill move through the process?
  - b. What’s it like to go to the Capitol? What’s it like to speak before a committee?
  - c. Where do I find contact information for my local Representatives and Senators?
  - d. Make the connection between being involved civically in the community and the benefit to the bottom line or driving new projects?
3. Current Advocacy priorities? (Jeremy Alford, Ind. Journalist; LAPOLOTICS.com; Invited)
4. Federal Politics (Michael Winn, AIA National Senior Manager, State and Local Policy)