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CIB W104 Announcement on International Conference Open Building for Resilient Cities 6-8 December, 2018, Los Angeles, USA



Planning for resilience and change is an urgent necessity – for the well-being of the built environment, for social institutions and for every human being. Achieving resilience today means understanding how enduring buildings and urban fabric sustain themselves by continuous, incremental renewal. Planning for change necessitates recognition that built environment transformation is a process in which multiple jurisdictions, investors, professions and everyday citizens share responsibility over time. The Open Building approach celebrates adaptability, resilience and distribution rather than centralization of control. Its design strategies structure public space that supports and inspires development of private space where people and organizations can make independent decisions about use: Build to last / build to renew.

This conference and exhibition aims to expand the discourse of Open Building by bridging practice and academia. Held at the A+D Museum in the Arts District of Los Angeles, the conference will bring together thought leaders in the building industry and from centers of research and public agencies around the world in lectures, panel discussions, research presentations and a curated exhibition.

The conference will be anchored around four interactive panel sessions.

- **Planning and Urban Design:** Local experts discuss how Open Building principles might address issues facing planning and urban design in Los Angeles; a second group of panelists discuss how Open Building principles have applied to urban design schemes in other countries.

- **Residential Open Building:** Local and international experts discuss challenges and successes in applying Open Building principles to residential and mixed-use projects.
- **Open Building for Healthcare facilities:** US and international experts discuss challenges and successes in applying Open Building principles to healthcare facility projects.
- **Open Building for Educational Facilities:** Discussion of challenges and successes in applying Open Building principles to educational facilities, K-12 and Universities, with both local and international experts.

We are pleased to announce that Chester Widom, State Architect of California, has agreed to be a keynote speaker at the conference. The City of Los Angeles Planning Department will also be participating. Thought and practice leaders from around the US and the world will participate in the panel discussions.

Information

Organized by the Council on Open Building and the CIB W104 Open Building Implementation world-wide network.

Information about the conference is available at the conference website: councilonopenbuilding.org or from John Dale, Conference Chair at jdale@hed.design.

CIB Commission

For more information about the CIB Commission W104 – Open Building Implementation is to be obtained [here](#).

THE COUNCIL ON OPEN BUILDING

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