



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



New Housing Paradigms for Los Angeles

Christopher Hawthorne | *Chief Design Officer, City of Los Angeles*

Christopher Hawthorne is the Chief Design Officer for the city of Los Angeles, a position appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti. In this role he develops new initiatives and provides design oversight related to architecture, urban design, planning, and public art across the city. Prior to joining City Hall, he was architecture critic for the Los Angeles Times from 2004 to 2018. His writing has also appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, New Yorker, Architectural Record, Harvard Design Magazine, and many other publications. Hawthorne is Professor of the Practice, with an appointment in the Department of English, at the University of Southern California's Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, where he directs the Third Los Angeles Project, a series of public conversations about architecture, urban planning, mobility, and demographic change in Southern California.



The Unhoused Mentally Ill: A Model for System Change

Kerry Morrison | *Founder, Heart Forward*

Kerry Morrison founded Heart Forward LA, a nonprofit whose mission involves “transforming the American mental health system through radical hospitality.” She responded to this calling in 2019, after spending 22 years leading the business improvement district (BID) in Hollywood. As a Stanton Fellow, searching for a better way to help the most severely mentally ill people left to languish on our streets, in 2017 Morrison found her way to Trieste, Italy, a city recognized by the WHO as a model system. Morrison is active in homeless policy in Los Angeles. She has served on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the HHH Citizen’s Oversight Committee and The Center in Hollywood. Morrison hosts a podcast on topics related to the American mental health system juxtaposed with the human-centered kindness found in Trieste called Heart Forward: Conversations from the Heart. She serves on the Board of Elders for Ecclesia Hollywood.