

# Architecture and the Right to Housing



## Presented by the AIA Housing and Community Development Knowledge Community

In 2017, the American Institute of Architects declared access to housing a “[fundamental right](#).” What does the right to housing mean in practice? How can architects contribute?

The AIA Housing and Community Development KC has convened a Right-to-Housing Working Group to explore these questions and work toward longstanding global humanitarian standards. We invite you to join us for a series of online conversations.

## Upcoming Free Webinars

*Mondays at 12pm ET, 1 LU each*

Click below for free registration and more information

### August 1

The Right to Housing: Collaborations in Design, Finance and Local Policy

**Emily Roush-Elliott**, AIA (moderator), Delta Design Build Workshop; **Lindsey Slay Williams**, Assoc. AIA, NOMA, City of Houston; **Greg Hettrick**, FHLB Dallas

### October 3

UN Habitat’s 11th World Urban Forum Addresses the Right to Housing

**Kathleen A. Dorgan**, FAIA, LEED-AP, Dorgan Architecture and Planning; **R. Denise Everson**, Assoc. AIA, LEED-AP, ThinkBox; **Simon Ha**, AIA, LEED-AP, Steinberg Hart and Skid Row Housing Trust

## Recent Programs

### July 11

The Right to Housing: Cultural Adequacy and Indigenous-Led Designs

**Ray Demers**, AIA, Enterprise Community Partners; **Joseph Kunkel**, MASS Design Group Sustainable Native Communities Design Lab; **Karen Kubey** (intro), Columbia University and Pratt Institute  
[Webinar Recording](#)

### February 7

The Right to Housing with Eric Tars

**Karen Kubey** (moderator), Columbia University and Pratt Institute; **Casius Pealer**, Tulane University School of Architecture; **Eric Tars**, J.D., National Homelessness Law Center

[Webinar recording](#); [Speaker slides](#); [4-page summary by Eric Tars](#)

### March 19

Downtown Los Angeles Walking Tour: Architect’s Role in Ending Homelessness

Co-Presented with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture

**Simon Ha**, AIA, LEED-AP, Steinberg Hart Skid Row Housing Trust; **Mike Alvidrez**, Skid Row Housing Trust

[Tour sites and photos](#)

## Additional Resources

The AIA Housing and Community Development Knowledge Community is a network of architects and allied stakeholders that promotes equity in housing, excellence in residential design, and sustainable, vibrant communities for all, through education, research, awards, and advocacy.

▶▶ [Read more about our right-to-housing work and how you can get involved.](#) ◀◀