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### **AIALA Chapter Executive Director Bestowed Honorary AIA Membership**



February 25, 2013 – (Los Angeles, CA) The American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles Chapter is proud to announce that Chapter Executive Director, Nicci Solomons, Hon. AIA was presented with Honorary membership to the American Institute of Architects, last Friday, February 22, 2013. The title *Honorary AIA* is one of the highest honors that the American Institute of Architects can bestow upon a person outside the architecture profession.

Nicci is widely recognized for her collaborative spirit of engagement, her passionate dedication to increasing member value, and her skill in finding ways to expand the architecture profession's influence in the greater Los Angeles community. She has been instrumental in helping the chapter host two successful AIA national conventions, mentored chapters large and small across the nation, and played a leadership role in the Council of Architectural Component Executives at the state and national level.

The jury, comprised of Douglas Benson, AIA, of MCM Architects, PC; Brenda Henderson, Hon. AIA and Jane Nylander, Hon. AIA, Residential Architecture Magazine stated, "*There are few leaders within the AIA component structure who have demonstrated the level of professionalism and commitment to the Institute as Nicci Solomons. Her unerring devotion to leading a diverse chapter is without parallel.*"

The AIALA Staff and Board of Directors are proud of all the achievements the Chapter has accomplished under Nicci's leadership and we congratulate her.

#### **About Honorary AIA Membership**

Election to honorary membership may be granted to any person of esteemed character who is otherwise ineligible for membership in the Institute but who has

rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture or to the arts and sciences allied with the profession. Membership is granted only if the accomplishments of the nominee are truly outstanding and of national significance.

### **About AIA Los Angeles**

The American Institute of Architects Los Angeles Chapter (AIALA) has been serving the Los Angeles community for more than a century. Representing over 3,000 members, AIALA consistently ranks among the largest and most influential Chapters in the nation. Located in the historic Pellissier Building at the Wiltern Theatre, AIALA is the voice of the Los Angeles architecture profession, dedicated to serving and empowering its members through advocacy, professional development and outreach programs, as well as educating the public on the value and importance of design.

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