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## Recalibrating the City: Advocacy by Design

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**Abstract** Los Angeles epitomizes the challenges and opportunities that many cities face. As the city's outward growth reaches its geographical boundaries, we are seeing a shift towards densification, improved public transportation, repurposed infrastructure, and increased interest in building and reinventing public spaces. Creating a coherent, connected public realm within this shifting context requires new types of urban models and forms. Los Angeles is becoming a laboratory of successful urban revitalization for our post-suburban era.

**Mia Lehrer**, FASLA, founded MLA with a vision to improve quality of life through landscape. She is internationally recognized for progressive landscape design, advocacy for sustainable and people-friendly public places, and catalyzing work for a climate-appropriate future. Mia has led the design and implementation of ambitious public and private projects, including the Hollywood Park Racetrack redevelopment and its new LA NFL Stadium, the LA County Natural History Museum Gardens, Vista Hermosa Natural Park, and many Los Angeles River-related projects. She earned her Master of Landscape Architecture degree from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, and lectures and teaches around the world. Among recent accomplishments, she serves on the US Fine Arts Commission and received the ASLA's LaGasse Medal last year.

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