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Chapter Celebrates Growth in Area & Membership, and a Successful Greenbuild

Los Angeles, CA (November 11, 2016) – With Greenbuild in the rear view mirror, the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles chapter (USGBC-LA) was able to spend last night’s 12th Green Gala celebrating its expansion, its members, and incredible regional projects that are changing the way we think about sustainability in our built environment. The USGBC-LA presented its 6th Annual Sustainable Innovation Awards across nine categories (listed below), with the Project of the Year awarded to the Los Angeles Harbor College Science Complex. L.A.’s “Oscars” of green building, the awards reflect the Chapter’s emphasis on energy and water savings, air quality, good design, and community engagement.

In addition to Project of the Year, the Los Angeles Harbor College Science Complex also earned the Energy & Atmosphere Honor and the Innovation in Design Merit for consistently “putting
science on display,” noted one juror. The project was commended for an energy recovery system that converts exhaust air into energy, classroom monitors that track energy production/usage from PVs (perfect for a place of learning), and utilizing natural ventilation and lighting / daylighting strategies. Stated another juror, "This ambitious project made renewable energy and energy demand feedback a major feature of the design and achieved remarkable savings for an intensive laboratory complex."

“I’m most excited this year to have the L.A. Harbor College Science Complex be our first ever Zero Net Energy project to win an Innovation Award, and delivering this kind of project to an educational community is exceptional!” shared USGBC-LA Executive Director Dominique Hargreaves. “I’m also thrilled that we finally have the opportunity to present our first Excellence in Water Conservation award, the first time we’ve had a project able to achieve every water requirement in LEED. The Resort at Playa Vista has done so…kudos!”

All the awarded projects go above and beyond standard practices and use innovative strategies that can be used as a model for future sustainable design and construction. Additional highlighted features of the projects include a bus washing system that uses reclaimed storm water for 85% of its water usage and a renovation that achieved 99% Building Reuse.

The awards honor premier projects that have already been envisioned, designed and/or built, recognizing exceptional achievement and innovation in each Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) category for countywide certified projects from the past four years. The submissions attract project teams throughout Los Angeles County’s sustainable community and are awarded regardless of LEED certification achieved.

Awards co-chair Emily Sumner, LEED GA, Sustainable Venice, stated, “These projects tell us a story of the times; that the commitment for a sustainable future is here to stay, and we’re pleased to recognize the design and construction leaders who change the landscape of our cities with every project they deliver.” Patti Harburg-Petrich, Associate Principal of Structures at BuroHappold Engineering also served as Awards co-chair.

The Green Gala also celebrated a year of USGBC-LA growth, which included: extending the L.A. Chapter’s region, which now reaches from the ocean to the Arizona border; expanding the number of chapter-wide events and attendees; expanding the Board; and growing student membership. Attendees also celebrated hosting a successful Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, which drew over 18,000 global attendees, and all co-chairs were acknowledged with official Certificates of Appreciation, courtesy of Assemblyman Mike Gatto.

The Green Gala, held at the Bonaventure Brewing Company, was emceed by environmentalist and actor Ed Begley Jr. The Awards were presented as the main event of the evening in front of a guest list of over 500 top industry professionals from local government, real estate owners and developers, architects, engineers, contractors, LEED professionals and other community stakeholders. USGBC-LA works with all who are interested and engaged in collaborative sustainable initiatives.

USGBC-LA supporters include: BuroHappold, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, AECOM, and Howard Building Corporation. Kilroy Realty has provided support, as have many
significant private firms such as Hathway Dinwiddie, Interior Removal Specialist, JMB Realty, and FormLA.

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**About U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles**

USGBC-LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to creating a prosperous and sustainable future within one generation. Our mission promotes sustainability in LA County’s built environment by delivering access to knowledge, resources, recognition and networking. ([www.usgbc-la.org](http://www.usgbc-la.org))

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**The 6th Annual Sustainable Innovation Awards list:**

**Project of the Year**
Los Angeles Harbor College Science Complex

**Excellence in Water Conservation**
Resort at Playa Vista

**Sustainable Sites**
Honor – Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility  
Merit – Children Today - EcoHouse  
Merit – Columbia Square

**Water Efficiency**
Honor – Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Division 13 Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility  
Merit – The Kaufman Apartments at Step Up On Colorado

**Energy & Atmosphere**
Honor – Los Angeles Harbor College Science Complex  
Merit – Costa Mesa Enclave Middle School  
Merit – 800 Wilshire Boulevard

**Materials & Resources**
Honor – Interior Removal Specialist Inc.  
Merit – Hitch Suites and Commons  
Shout Out – Starbucks Highland and Willoughby

**Indoor Environmental Quality**
Honor – John Ferraro Building - LADWP Headquarters  
Merit – The Gates - Thomas Laboratory

**Innovation in Design**
Honor – Resort at Playa Vista  
Merit – Los Angeles Harbor College Science Complex
Health & Wellbeing
Honor – 800 Wilshire Boulevard
Merit – Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility

Green Apple Day Project of the Year
Clifford Beers Housing

PROJECT TEAMS:

Los Angeles Harbor College Science Complex

Children Today - EcoHouse

Columbia Square
Kilroy Realty Corporation, House and Robertson, Rios Clemente Hale Studios, Stantec, Healthy Buildings, and Hathaway Dinwiddie.

Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility
County of San Diego, Department of General Services, HMC Architects, KMD Architects, and Balfour Beatty Construction.

The Kaufman Apartments at Step Up On Colorado
Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, Shangri La Construction, and Killefer Flammang Architects.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Division 13 Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility

Costa Mesa Enclave Middle School

800 Wilshire Blvd. (BuroHappold Engineering)
BuroHappold Engineering, Shangri-LA Construction, Reback Realty Services, and Gaia Development.

Hitch Suites and Commons
UCLA, Glumac, and Steinberg Architects.

Interior Removal Specialist Inc.
Interior Removal Specialist, Inc., Creative Energy Design, A SustainAble Production LLC, and CJTSS Consulting Engineers.

Starbucks Highland and Willoughby
Starbucks Coffee, Valerio Architects, Schnackel Engineers and Plump Engineering.

The Gates - Thomas Laboratory
Caltech, Brightworks Sustainability, AC Martin Partners, Swinerton, Integral Group, Research Facilities Design, and KPFF Consulting Engineers.

John Ferraro Building - LADWP Headquarters
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Integral Group, Leading Edge Consulting Services, and Casavan Consulting.

Resort at Playa Vista