



ASLA NCC - STATEMENT OF VALUES

Dear ASLA Northern California Community,

Federal policy shifts continue to impact our profession. We see these effects locally in places like the Presidio of San Francisco and California's National Parks, where staff reductions and operational challenges have resulted in frozen funding for climate action initiatives, environmental justice programs, day-to-day operations, and more. We recognize our friends and colleagues who are experiencing uncertain times, as diversity, equity, and inclusion programs face increased cuts in both public and private sectors.

In the face of these uncertainties, the ASLA Northern California Chapter (ASLA NCC) remains firmly rooted in our commitment to the local communities we serve. ASLA NCC will continue to advocate for landscape architects, support our diverse members, collaborate with allied organizations, and uphold the values that define our work. We will hold space and respect all people, continue to advocate for our planet, and celebrate the importance of placemaking in our communities. Our commitment does not waver; rather, it strengthens as we champion resilient, community-driven design for Northern California.

ASLA NCC will continue to:

- **Advance the role of Landscape Architects:** Foster biodiversity and climate action through education, by raising awareness and promoting innovative, sustainable design practices.
- **Champion Diversity:** Create resilient, inclusive, culturally responsive, and beautiful outdoor spaces for all, honoring the history and heritage of the places we design.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** Represent the profession at federal, state, and local levels to ensure robust legal support and recognition.
- **Public Education:** Provide valuable information to the public to enhance understanding of the profession.
- **Municipal Engagement:** Interface with municipal governments on local issues that could impact the profession or the public realm, ensuring that the interests of landscape architects, the community, and the environment are well-represented.



On top of social events and lectures connecting our network of professionals and students, we are focusing on key initiatives that reinforce our mission:

- **Expand public-facing events and partnerships** with community and professional organizations to increase public awareness of landscape architecture.
- **Introduce ASLA NCC Listening Circles** to provide a respectful, inclusive space for professionals and students to share their experiences and learn from diverse perspectives.
- **Launch the Climate Action and Biodiversity Award** at our annual Design Awards to celebrate local projects that exemplify leadership in biodiversity and climate action.
- **Enhance accessibility and resources** on our website, making it easier for members to engage with focus groups and access materials.
- **Strengthen collaboration between the four California ASLA Chapters** to elevate our profession's voice at the state level.

As a Chapter representing one of the most diverse groups of landscape architects across 15 coastal counties, we take pride in the wide range of expertise, backgrounds, identities, and values that our members bring. We are grateful to be united by a shared mission.

Please stay connected!

*ASLA NCC Executive Committee
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