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WHO BUILDS OUR CITY?

January 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

An online celebration of Houston's
built environment



With RDA's Board of Directors, we welcome you to the *Who Builds Our City?* virtual event.


Although this year's gala looks different than we anticipated, the intent remains the same: bringing together leaders in the architecture, construction, design, and engineering communities to celebrate Houston's built environment.

For 50 years, we have worked together in the construction industry and have witnessed the challenges and resiliency that has shaped Houston during the past five decades. Houston is a unique place with a rich history made better and stronger by the diversity of those who make, envision, and shape the architecture of the city.

Who Builds Our City? is dedicated to the individuals and organizations who collectively build Houston and who promote a sustainable workforce. We often acknowledge the visionary leadership of Houston's great real estate icons, developers, and philanthropists who invested in world-class buildings. Tonight, we pay tribute to the working men and women—past, present and future—who through their craftsmanship bring to life the design visions of our community. From Houston's cultural landmarks and educational institutions to its first-class medical center, expanding green spaces, and more, it is evident that the contributions of many create the vibrant city we call home.

We are grateful for the support and dedication of those who have made this program possible and who have participated in helping to tell the story of Houston's built environment. Thank you for being with us, and we hope you enjoy the *Who Builds Our City?* program.

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Hosted by **Lisa Gray**
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With special guest
Mayor Sylvester Turner

Who Builds Our City? brings together practitioners and industry leaders to celebrate the collective effort that makes our city a success. Paying tribute to the diverse range of people and professions that shape Houston, RDA shares stories of those who are often not visible participants in a discussion about building our cities, but whose contributions are integral to the construction of the built environment.

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