

# WHO BUILDS OUR CITY?

An online celebration of Houston's built environment

On Thursday, January 28, 2021, Rice Design Alliance hosted its first-ever online gala: *Who Builds Our City?* co-chaired by Stan Marek and Mike Holland of MAREK. Although the event itself looked different compared to previous years, the intent remained the same: bringing together leaders in the architecture, construction, design, and engineering communities to celebrate Houston's built environment.

With host Lisa Gray, senior writer at the *Houston Chronicle*, and a special appearance from Mayor Sylvester Turner, *Who Builds Our City?* paid tribute to the diverse range of people and professions that shape our city. Chronicling the history of the construction industry in Houston, RDA shared the stories of those who are often not visible participants in a discussion about building cities, but who are integral to the construction of the built environment.

RDA is grateful to all of the generous supporters who made the event a success. Gala proceeds provide funding for RDA's programming and publications that aim to make architecture and design more accessible.

Watch the entire gala program on RDA's website: [ricedesignalliance.org/2020virtualevent](http://ricedesignalliance.org/2020virtualevent).



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