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US Land Port of Entry is a 2014 recipient of the COTE Top Ten Award. The architect, Snow Kreilich, was the 2018 AIA firm award recipient. Image: Paul Crosby



## Dear COTE Colleagues,

Minneapolis in May is all about welcoming the coming warmth with celebrations and events. The city also happens to be the home base of **Snow Kreilich Architects**, winner of the 2018 AIA Firm Award. With a body of work that is understated and welcoming, an ideology that is restrained and, in their own words, “peaceful,” the firm designs elegant spaces that recognize and enhance our everyday experiences. We were privileged to have Julie Snow, FAIA, as a juror on the AIA COTE Top Ten Awards this year. A special congratulations to the entire firm’s dedication and leadership, setting an example for all of us.

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## See you in the Big Apple

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We invited our AIA COTE Open Forum guest speaker, Gina Bocra, AIA, LEED Fellow, Chief Sustainability Officer at the New York City Department of Buildings, to be a guest voice in this pre-conference newsletter. Here’s her take on Architecture 2030’s new Zero Code:

### **The challenge of zero net goals and Architecture 2030’s new Zero Code**

*by Gina Bocra, AIA*



Zero Code, released in April, is Architecture 2030's proposal to guide jurisdictions to a different model building energy standard for new commercial, institutional, and mid- to high-rise residential buildings, one that is intended to achieve zero-net-carbon (ZNC) buildings. [Read more >](#)

## **COTE Advocacy update**

AIA promotes AIA 2030 Commitment on a world stage and COTE urges FEMA to retain climate change language in the strategic plan. [Read more >](#)



## **Introducing courses on resilience & adaptation**

*by Betsy del Monte, FAIA*

We've heard a lot about resiliency and resilient design lately, but like other important topics, not everyone defines these in the same way, or has a working knowledge of the issues. Designing buildings to withstand the stresses they will be subjected to is not a new idea, but as the nature of those stresses is so rapidly changing, new resources are needed for architects to adopt the best practices. [Read more >](#)



## **New AG member Vikram Sami: On Leading with Passive Design**

*by Kira Gould*

"Are your buildings survivable? Are your buildings joyful places?" These are the questions that Vikram Sami, AIA, LEED AP, asks every day. And every day, he insists that, as designers, "we have to lead with passive strategies." [Read more >](#)

## **Reporting from Living Futures 2018**

*by Corey Squire, AIA*

When I was a freshman in college, Majora Carter spoke to my Environmental Science 101 class about environmental justice.



She had just won a MacArthur Genius Grant for her work revitalizing her community's forgotten waterfront... [Read more >](#)

## COTE Around the Country

AIA LA COTE's Symposium: 2°C, held on March 2, sought to unify the public, architectural design community, and building industry while addressing issues around sustainability. AIA LA COTE coordinated three videos with Sam Auster of Auster productions, to capture and share takeaways from (and benefits of) this symposium. The videos validate an elevated focus on resilience as well as events like this symposium.

Check them out:

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