

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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**Kiki Bolender advances solutions to the pressing challenges of equity, resilience and design literacy in American's most impoverished big city, while linking international funders to affordable housing and preservation in Philadelphia.**

Ms. Bolender's leadership in advocating for quality urban design and planning for all citizens and her work advancing the cause of equity in health, affordable housing and historic preservation has a national and international impact in policy areas where political leaders often ignore the poor and vulnerable. Local and international charitable foundations have approached her to create projects around equitable design and planning.

**Ms. Bolender connects global resources to the pressing local needs for design thinking at the intersection of health, affordable housing and historic preservation in Philadelphia.** Ms. Bolender co-founded the Healthy Rowhouse Project in Philadelphia to help long-time residents stay in their homes in changing neighborhoods, repair conditions that make them sick, and preserve housing for future generations. Working with the Oak Foundation, a Geneva, Switzerland-based charitable trust, Ms. Bolender lectured at public health events in Philadelphia, co-convoked a Philadelphia mayoral forum and met with all mayoral candidates to promote home repair as an essential health and affordable housing policy in a city where 26% of residents live below the poverty level.

**Ms. Bolender's impact on AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND PUBLIC HEALTH is profound.** Philadelphia's new Mayor and City Council approved **\$100 million in bonds to robustly fund repair of houses in low-income neighborhoods as part of an affordable housing strategy.** A second grant from the Oak Foundation secured with Ms. Bolender's leadership underwrites staffing for an initiative which includes significant commitment from one of the world's largest banks. Ms. Bolender's leadership working with funders and city government serves as a national model for healthy, safe and equitable home repair programs,, poised to preserve hundreds of homes every year in Philadelphia.

**EQUITY BY DESIGN: Ms. Bolender is the only architect invited by renowned Dutch artist Jeanne Van Heeswijk to join Philadelphia Assembled as part of her work around the globe to promote equity.** The site-specific project physically represents **the resilience of communities** in the face of rising economic inequality, mass incarceration, racial tension, hostility to immigrants and climate change. Opening at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in September 2017, it is the first art for equity project of this scope in Philadelphia, and one of the first in the country. Ms. Bolender chairs the Design Equity Task Force of the Design Advocacy Group (DAG) of Philadelphia.

**Ms. Bolender's advocacy voice produces QUALITY DESIGN IN THE PUBLIC REALM.** As co-chair of the AIA Philadelphia

Urban Design Committee from 2006 to 2011, she led the public conversation on design excellence in the redesign of Dilworth Park, a signature public space at City Hall at the center of the historic Philadelphia street grid. **On behalf of the AIA, she promoted design and sustainability standards in the new zoning code and led in the creation of mechanisms for citizen engagement in the development process.** As a leader of DAG, she testifies at regulatory board hearings and publishes opinion pieces to shape public dialogue around quality design in architecture and city planning, and sound decision making around historic preservation. Her testimony helped maintain important zoning setbacks along Philadelphia's Delaware Riverfront. As a member of Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority's Advisory Board of Design since 2004, she improves the public experience around significant new buildings. In 2010, she secured funding for a series of workshops around zoning reform, positively influencing Philadelphia's new zoning code. Ms. Bolender's zoning code efforts to establish positive conversations between civic groups and developers paved the way for the creation of Registered Civic Organizations and the nationally award-winning Citizens Planning Institute, of which she is a founding instructor.

**Ms. Bolender's architectural practice focuses on those whose voices often go unheard,** from multiple projects for a local hunger relief charity, to renovations to the nation's first animal welfare organization, to a city-run health center serving a primarily immigrant population.