

LEILANI COMMONS

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WORK

Chattel, Inc. Historic Preservation Consultants | Los Angeles, CA | August 2022 to January 2024
Assists in preparing historic context statements for National Register, state, and local landmark nominations. Aids in site inspections and reports for Mills Act and federal rehabilitation tax incentives.

National Trust for Historic Preservation | Los Angeles, CA | June to September 2023
Drafted national report documenting the function and success of Main Street America's state-level partners (Coordinating Programs) to government officials and legislators, articulating economic, social, environmental, and cultural incentives that go in hand with historic preservation efforts.

National Parks Conservation Association | Los Angeles, CA | June 2021 to July 2022
Conducted research toward the development, planning, and outreach for future national parks and historical sites in the Los Angeles region. Organized and engaged in policy discussions between city, state, and national officials and local stakeholders on issues pertaining to historical and cultural resource conservation, land area designations, and the National Parks program.

Cleveland National Forest Foundation | San Diego County, CA | September 2020 to June 2021
Writing, research, and legal correspondence for an environmental non-profit that promotes sustainable city planning to combat climate change. Engaged in policy discussions with County staff, attorneys, conservationists, and stakeholders on matters such as SB 743, CAP, and CEQA.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California | Los Angeles, CA
Heritage Conservation Summer Course

University of California, San Diego | La Jolla, CA
Bachelor's Degree in History with major coursework in Urban Studies and Planning

VOLUNTEER

Los Angeles Conservancy | Los Angeles, CA
Ongoing volunteer work for Last Remaining Seats, a program that screens classic films in historic movie palaces in Los Angeles' Broadway District, and collaboration with CicLAvia, interpreting historical sites along ped/car-free routes, including Central Avenue Jazz Corridor and Hollywood.

a+d Architecture and Design Museum | Los Angeles, CA
Involvement in curating, designing, and planning exhibitions and events. Involvement in day-to-day interactions and communication with museum visitors and donors.

PUBLISHED WORK

"Destination Los Angeles: Building Our Own Communities" | November 2021
"Los Angeles' Fauxtalian Renaissance" | March 2020