

The American Institute of Architects APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION Nº AP 13771

Dated March 28. 19 58 Received May 28, 19 58 Granted June 25, 19 58

MEMBERSHIP Nº 13771

A	Name of applicant Harold Louis Williams Chapter.	Southern California
В	Address of applicant 4700 Cimarron Street, Los Angeles 62,	
С	Application received with check for \$ 20.00 on	May 28, 19 58.
D	Application returned for correction	19 .
E	Application in due order on	May 28, 1958.
F	Acknowledgments to applicant and chapter on	June 11,19 58.
G	Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that applicant be denied received on	May 28, 19 ⁵⁸ .
Н	Record of registration, Form 839, Sent April 16, 1958. Received.	May 28, 1958
I	The applicant has been examined as to his professional qualifications by California State Board of Architectural Examiners	
J	The applicant is currently registered as an architect or licensed to practice architecture in the states of California	
K	Application sent to The Committee on Membership	June 17 19 58
L	The Committee on Membership reported on application on	June 17 19 58
M	The applicant was requested to furnish additional evidence of his professional qualifications on or before 19, which was received.	
	ORT: result of its findings on the evidence submitted The Committee on Membership un	nanimously reports that

in its opinion the applicant is* qualified for membership in The American Institute of Architects.**

Date

June 17, 1958. THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Chairman

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected Harold Louis Williams

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Southern California Chapter.

Date

June 25,

Secretary

N	Applicant admitted on	June 2	5 19 58 .
0	Notice to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter on	June 25.	19 ₅₈ .
P	Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$,	19 .

A.I.A. Form

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APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS



Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.

Mail both copies to the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute, with check for \$20.00 made payable to The American Institute of Architects.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

 ${f l}$, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is HAROLD LOUIS WILLIAMS

natural 2. I am a

citizen of the United States.

3. My legal residence is in the City of Los Angeles

County of Los Angeles

State of California

4. My address in The Institute records will be

4700 Number

Cimarron Street

City Los Angeles zone 62

California

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a practicing architect

6. I desire to be a member of the

Southern California

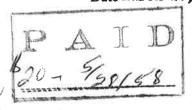
Chapter.

- I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute; and that I have read and understand all the information contained in this form and its attachments.
- 8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.
- 9. I enclose my check for \$20.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$10.00 will be returned to me, and \$10.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date March 28,

1958

Applicant sign full name in inte



STATISTICS

- 10. Date of birth August 4, 1924 Place of birth Flemingsburg, Kentucky
- 11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states: California
 - (b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states: California
 - (c) I hold Certificate No. of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

,	Name of School, College, University	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
	Withrow High School	Cinti., Ohio	3		
	Wilberforce University	Academy-Wilberforce,	01	1943	Diploma
	Talladega College	Talladega, Ala.	1		
	Miami University	Oxford, Ohio	5	1952	B. of Arch.

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING *

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each

	David B. Maxfield	Feb. 1947	Sept. 1949 (part time)
	National Lead Co. (A.E.C.)	March 1952	Jan. 1953
ada	Fulton, Krinsky & DelaMotte	Jan. 1953	April 1955
	Paul R. Williams, F.A.I.A.	May 1955	present

^{* (}NOTE: Applications must conclusively show that applicant has had three full years of experience in architectural work, in offices, governmental employment, or teaching, in addition to graduation from an architectural school; or eight full years of such experience without formal education; or equivalent combinations of both of the foregoing.)

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- 14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges.)
- 15. Is architecture your principal vocation? yes

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

16. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

17. Member of Institute from	to			
18. Junior of Institute from	to			
19. Associate of		Chapter from	to	
20. Junior Associate of Sou	thern California	Chapter from 1956	to	1958
21. Student Associate of Cin	cinnati, Ohio	Chapter from 1948	to	1952
22. Member of State Organizat	ion in	from	to	3

REFERENCES

Five references are required, at least three of whom shall be corporate members of The Institute in good standing. Member references must be available for personal contact by the local chapter officers.

Paul R. Williams, F.A.T.A.	3757 Wilshire Blvd.
Member	Address
Kenneth N. Lind. A.I.A.	943 N. LaCienega Blvd.
Member	Address
Clyde H. Grimes, A.I.A.	221 N. Robertson Blvd.
Member	Address
John L. Hill	1225 Westchester Place
Reference	Address
L.D. Reynolds	10843 Wilshire Blvd.
Reference	Address



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Southern California

3723 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles 5, California

(Address)

SECRETARY, Frank Cronin

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address

1020 N Street Sacramento, California

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Harold Louis Williams
(Name of Applicant)

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date April 16, 19.58

Kalph	M. Crosby
7	Chapter Secretar
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1. Is	s the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?Yes
2. V	Vas his registration or licensing by examination?
	What was the scope of the examination?Written and oral and presentation of exhibit
	What was the period of the examination?days. Written examination36hours; Oral examination
5. V	When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?
	If so, give Certificate No
6. D	Date of first registration
	Frank Haonin
	(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date April 24 19 58

CALIFORNI A STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS
(Name of Board)

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W. WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

June 25, 1958

Mr. Harold Louis Williams, ATA 4700 Cimarron Street Los Angeles 62, California

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects takes pleasure in informing you that it has acted favorably on your application and welcomes you to corporate membership in The Institute. You will receive shortly a certificate of membership duly executed by the officers of The Institute.

You are assigned to the Southern California Chapter and the California Council of Architects, effective June 25, 1958.

I sincerely hope that you will take an active and interested part in your chapter activities since it is through these activities that Institute policies are developed. Your cooperation and participation will contribute to the advancement of Institute objectives and increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

I want you to know that my office is always at your service to the fullest extent of its powers.

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Wilson Secretary

Enclosures

Members williams, Harold Louis



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D. C. Office of The Secretary

Feb. 9, 1962

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

To: Harold Louis Williams 2157 So. Sycamore St. Los Angeles 16, Calif.

It is with much regret that we send to you, and to your chapter secretary, this notice of the suspension of your corporate membership in The Institute, and in its component organizations to which you are assigned—because of non-payment of Institute dues.

This suspension is effective as of December 31, 1961. The sending of this notice has been delayed with the earnest wish that you might take some action in the matter.

The purpose of The Institute in permitting a membership to be suspended at the end of the year for default of dues rather than terminated forthwith is to enable the member in default to restore his membership within the period of suspension, without applying therefor and without paying a readmission fee. The period of grace terminates on December 31 of the year next following the date of suspension: in your case, on December 31 of the current year.

At any time during the period of suspension you may restore your membership to good standing by paying to The Institute your defaulted dues.

We sincerely hope that circumstances will make it convenient for you to meet your present obligation to The Institute before December 31, 1962.

The Institute values and needs your active support. The other Officers join with me in the hope that your membership may soon be restored to good standing.

Sincerely yours,

SECRETARY

Copy of this notice as "Notice" to the following:

Chapter, A.I.A.

Chapter, A.I.A.

Secretary

State Organization Member

This copy of notice to the corporate member named herein is official notice of the suspension of his membership in The Institute and in the chapter to which he is assigned. Please note on your records accordingly.

Until you receive notification of the restoration of membership or of its termination, the member named should be carried on your rolls as a *suspended* Institute member. You will be advised if and when his membership is restored to good standing.

cc: Casastt D. Griffin, Secy. So. Calif. Chapter, ATA



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

WASHINGTON 6, D. C. Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

March 5, 1963

To: R. L. Williams

2157 South Sycamore St. Los Angeles 16, California

It is with much regret that we send to you, and to those indicated below, this notice of termination of your corporate membership in The Institute, and in its component organizations to which you are assigned—because of nonpayment of Institute dues.

This termination is effective as of December 31, 1962. The sending of this notice has been delayed with the earnest wish that you might take some action in the matter.

We sincerely hope that circumstances will make it convenient for you to meet

your present obligation to The Institute and to apply for readmission.

The Institute values and needs your active support. The other Officers join with me in the hope that the loss of your membership is only temporary.

Sincerely yours,

SECRETARY

Copy of this notice as "Notice" to the following:

This copy of notice to the former member named herein is your official notice of the termination of his membership in The Institute and in the chapter to which he was assigned. Please change your records accordingly.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 01042

Readmission

INSTRUCTIONS

Type or print all information carefully and sign with ink. Mail both copies to the Secretary of the local Chapter, with check for The American Institute of Architects.

Application for Corporate Membership

I,	the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.
1.	My full name is HAROLD LOUIS WILLIAMS
2.	I am a citizen of the United States. Yes X No No
3.	My residence address is: 5630 Archerest Drive (NUMBER) (STREET)
	Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California 90043 (CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)
- 4.	My business address is: 1930 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 800 (STREET)
	Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California 90057 (CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)
	Please use my business address as my official Institute address (BUSINESS) or (RESIDENCE)
5.	I desire to be a member of Southern California Chapter, AIA.
6.	I declare that I will comply with the By-Laws and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute; and that I have read and understand all the information contained in this form and its attachments.
7.	I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.
	I enclose my check for \$20.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$5.00 is for a year's subscription to the JOURNAL of The American Institute of Architects. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$10.00 will be returned to me, and \$10.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee. Ate Jan. 29 1973
	JUL 1 6 1973 (APRLICANT'S FULL SIGNATURE, IN INK)

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 STATISTICS	

Om # Ed

9. Date of birth August 4,1924

Place of birth Cincinnati, Ohio

10. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states; with year first registered in each:

CALIFORNIA 1958

EDUCATION

11. (a) I attended colleges and universities as follows:

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

LOCATION

NO. OF YEARS

YEAR OF GRADUATION

DEGREE

Miami University

Oxford, Ohio

5

1952

B.Arch.

(b) I have held the following scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the followingnamed countries:

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND PRACTICE

12. I have been employed or in practice during the past three years as follows: (Note: Be sure to include current status of employment or practice.)

EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS EMPLOYER'S BUSINESS

CLASSIFICATION OF POSITION

PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT
From To

KINSEY, MEEDS &

WILLIAMS

Architects

Partner

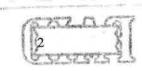
1967 - Present

13. Are you engaged in any manner in building contracting? Explain

* NO *

14. Is your employer engaged in any manner in building contracting? Explain

★ NO ★



BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

15.	Do you	participate_or	own an	interest in	any business	which	could	prejudice	your	professional	judgment?
	Yes	NoX	(I	f yes, please	e explain.)				•	•	, ,

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS AND APPLICATIONS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

16.	I have previously applied for membership or associateship in the					
		7. 12/31/62	50-63			
17.	Member of Institute from 1958	to 1962				
18.	Professional Associate of	Chapter from	to			
19.	Associate of	Chapter from	_ to			
20.	Junior Associate of	Chapter from	to			
21.	Name of any other architectural organization of SOCIETY OF AMERICAN REGIST					

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*MEMBER	3540 Wilshire Blvd. ADDRESS		
Claud H. Coyne , AIA	3540 Wilshire Blvd.		
Vincent J. Proby, AIA	5708 Verdun Ave.		
Clyde H. Grimes AIA MEMBER OR OTHER REFERENCE	482½ S. San Vicente		
John A. Martin, Engineer MEMBER OR OTHER REFERENCE	1830 Wilshire Blvd.		

^{*} Type or print full names of references

RECEIVED

MAY 29 1973

SCC/AIA

THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE UNDERNOTED HAS PAID THE BIENNIAL STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Dard of Architectural Examiners RENEWAL FEE AND IS ENTITLED TO PRACTICE AS AN ARCHITECT Board of

1971

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NUMBER SHOWN BELOW HAS BEEN RENEWED FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1973 THE CERTIFICATE

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CERTIFICATE NO.

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

3036

ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS BOARD OF

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WILLIAMS HARGLD L 5630 ARCHCREST DR LDS ANGELES

Certificate void affer August 31, 1973

FORM 19R-9



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

SUITE 510, BRADBURY BUILDING, 304 SOUTH BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013

TELEPHONE (213) 624-6561

28 February 1973



Mr. Harold Louis Williams 1930 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 800 Los Angeles, California 90057

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are in receipt of your application for readmission as a member of the Institute and the Southern California Chapter. Our records show that your membership was terminated in 1962 for non-payment of Institute and Chapter dues.

We will need two checks made out as follows:

- 1. Payable to the American Institute of Architects in the Amount of \$229.00 made up as follows: Readmission fee \$88.00 1962 dues in arrears \$50.00 and 1973 current dues in advance \$91.00.
- 2. Payable to the Southern California Chapter AIA in the amount of \$197.00 made up as follows: 1962 dues; in arrears \$80.00 and 1973 dues \$117.00.

We also need proof of your California Registrationland three letters of recommendation.

Upon receipt of the above we will process your application for readmission.

Your check in the amount of \$20.00 is attached.

We look forward to your readmission and affiliation, once again, with the Chapter.

Sincerely,

Joyce Propst, Executive Secretary

Encl.

August 2, 1973

Mr. Harold Louis Williams, AIA 1930 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800 Los Angeles, California 90057

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects takes pleasure in informing you of favorable action on your request for reinstatement and welcomes you again to corporate membership in the Institute.

You are assigned to the Southern California Chapter and the California Council 66 the AIA, effective July 30, 1973.

We are pleased to restore your name to the Institute's rolls and hope that you will find the opportunity to participate actively in local activities. Please feel free to call upon the Institute and Chapter officers and staff any time the need arises.

Sincerely yours,

8. Scott Ferebee, Jr., FAIA President

cc: Southern California Chapter, AIA California Council, AIA

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 NEW YORK AVENUE N.W. . WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006 . PHONE (202) 785-7300

	MESSAGE		REPL	<u> </u>
то	Harold L. Williams, AIA 1930 Wišshire Boulevard Suite 800 Los Angeles, California 90057	DATE		
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be recon, DC	Dear Mr. Williams:	elater		
ourposes only. Not to Ave. NW, Washingto	Your checks #126 in the amount of \$25.00 for Dallas Convention and check #1214 in the amount of \$173.00 for 1978 Dues have been returned to us by the bank marked "Insuffic Funds."		18 gs.	
n or study p New York,	Please send us a replacment check totalling \$198.00 by return mail.			
s, 1735	Thank you for your cooperation.			
For info	Sincerely,	1:		
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARGHE quoted, or published without written permigeted.	June 21, 1978 Dear Mr. Williams: Your checks #126 in the amount of \$25.00 for Dallas Convention and check #1214 in the amount of \$173.00 for 1978 Dues have been returned to us by the bank marked "Insuffic Funds." Please send us a replacment check totalling \$198.00 by return mail. Thank you for your cooperation. Sincerely, Donna Atchinson Head Bookkeeper Accounting Office, AIA			

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 NEW YORK AVENUE N.W. . WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006 . PHONE (202) 785-7300

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The American Institute of Architects • 1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

September 25, 1978

EFFECTIVE DATE:

· Washington, D.C. 20006

\$25 - Convention Ticket NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

For non-response to Regular Dues \$ 173 and/or Supplemental Dues X

incerely, This notice has been delayed in the hope that you would respond to the Notice of Impending Termination which was forwarded to you approximately sixty days ago. Since there was no reply to this final request for dues payment, we are compelled to terminate your membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective this date.

1930 Wilshirs Blvd., #800 Mer. Harold Williams Los Angeles, CA

ROBERT M. LAWRENCE

September 25, 1978

The American Institute of Architects

(Copy to State and Chapter organizations)



October 3, 1978

American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20006

Attention: Robert M. Lawrence, Secretary

Subject: Membership - Harold L. Williams

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your recent "Notice of Termination of Membership". It was not my intent to allow the membership to lapse and I feel that an explanation is in order.

Having received a notice some time ago that checks in the amounts of \$173.00 (Dues) and \$25.00 (Convention) were returned by the bank, it was assumed they were re-deposited, especially since they had never been returned to this office. As I am out of the office much of the time, the follow-up was somehow overlooked.

Therefore, if you would please see that the two checks are returned, they will be replaced and membership thereby reinstated.

Sincerely,

HAROLD L. WILLIAMS

HLW:bb

MEMORANDUM

Date:

October 31, 1978

To:

Harold L. Williams

From:

Maureen Marx, Director, Membership Procedures

Re

Your letter dated October 3

As requested we are returning your checks which were marked insufficient funds.

MM:dg

November 20, 1978

Harold L. Williams, AIA 1930 Wilshire Blvd, #800 Los Angeles, CA 90057

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will confirm that you have been reinstated to membership now that the matter of our termination notice dated September 25, 1978 has been resolved.

Many thanks for your continuing membership and support.

Sincerely yours.

Maureen Marx, Director Membership Procedures

MM hrs

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HAROLD LOUIS WILLIAMS, FAIA, ARCHITECT (1924-2015)

By Dr. Betty Smith Williams

AlA Los Angeles remembers Harold Williams, FAIA, longtime member and Fellow of the Institute, who passed away on Sunday at 90 years of age. A memorial service will be held on July 10, 2015 at Angelus Funeral Home, 3875 South Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA at 1:00 PM.

Harold Louis Williams, FAIA, NOMAC, practiced architecture for over fifty years, in Los Angeles California. He established the firm of Harold Williams Associates (HWA), Architects & Urban Planners. For a time he was principal in a partnership, Kinsey, Meeds & Williams, as well as joint ventures with other firms. Mr. Williams was the chief architect on public buildings projects including the Compton City Hall, 1976; the South Central Los Angeles Multi-service and Child Development Center, Los Angeles, 1976; Compton Civic Center, 1977; California State Office Building, Civic Center, Van Nuys, 1982; the Fire Station Number 3, Compton, 1989; and the King Drew Medical Magnet High School,

Harold prided himself in the repeat clients including Los Angeles Unified School District, the City and County of Los Angeles, as well as the California Universities. Mr. Williams provided leadership and active participation to address some of the issues confronting the African American community. He was the organizer, founder and first president of the Southern California Association of Minority Architects & Planners (MAP) in the 1960s. They sought equity and justice and participation in the public built environment. Affirmative Action programs forced open opportunities for practice. As the movement expanded nationally, Harold became a co-founder of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) in 1971, He served as NOMA National President 1981 – 1982, and He is a Charter member of The NOMA Foundation and he has served as its President and

Treasurer.

Concern for the community, its artistic and cultural environment, led him to become the first African American member of the Committee for Simon Rodia Towers in Watts, 1963. Under his dedicated leadership as chairman, a new Watts Towers Art Center building was built in 1967. The foundation he laid is the basis for the current community arts program.

Harold Louis Williams, FAIA's contributions and talents have been recognized locally and nationally. Awards for excellence in design were received from the Society of American Registered Architects and the National Organization of Minority Architects. The L.A NOMA Chapter awarded him for Humanitarian Service in 1991. He was elevated to the prestigious College of Fellows, American Institute of Architects in 1994, "for outstanding service to the nation and the architectural profession".

In 2013, the Compton City Hall was subject of the Los Angeles Conservancy Award to Chattel, Inc. They cited that when the city opened its doors in 1977, Compton City Hall symbolized a new era for Compton, a city that went from being almost exclusively white before World War II to majority African American by the 1970s.

His design of Compton City Hall represented his desire to give something back to the African American community. It was concluded that the building is eligible for listing in the National Register as the finest building designed by Harold L. Williams, FAIA.

Mr. Williams held a Bachelor of Architecture Degree, School of Architecture, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 1952. He pursued graduate studies in Urban Design at University of Southern California. He was born in 1924 in Flemingsburg, Kentucky and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has resided in Los Angeles since 1955 with his wife of 60 years, Dr. Betty Smith Williams. He was the 9th African American Architect licensed in California in 1958.

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