

### ***Created for the Urban Land Institute***

*Each year, signature buildings transform the American landscape. And ULI honors that achievement with the ULI Global Awards for Excellence, with finalists from Asia, Europe and the Americas. In writing the video script, I reviewed the entry submission applications and researched each finalist. Because narration was limited to 25 seconds per finalist, the challenge was to encapsulate the unique vision informing each project in just a few words.*

#### **1. Adidas Village**

A hospital isolated and abandoned ... now a vibrant corporate village. Reflecting the Adidas lifestyle... A place for work and play...and a good neighbor too.

#### **2. Atelier/505**

Elegant urban living...restaurants and shops ...surround a cultural center for performing arts...all in one superb space. A celebration of imagination ...transforming a neighborhood.

#### **3. Avalon Chrystie**

What was abandoned for 50 years...now shines with new life...new possibilities...the best of urban living... celebrating all a city has to offer.

#### **4. Canada's National Ballet School**

Like a dancer's leap into space...or a pas de deux...a landmark complex devoted to dance... and gracious living... and a new home for both.

#### **5. Carneros Inn**

Nestled in a land of uncommon beauty...a country inn of simplicity and sophistication. Elegant refuge...welcoming the natural world and celebrating its' bounty.

#### **6. Chaparral Water Treatment Facility**

The local waterworks, industrial eyesore or... visual delight? In this bustling suburban space... art and architecture play together, honor the desert...and offer new life to a grateful community.

## 7. Church Street Plaza

A college town depressed and divided ...until a bold plan: build an entertainment Mecca...surround it with shops, restaurants and homes. Now the town bubbles with new life, energy and fun...bringing people together to celebrate and enjoy.

## 8. Clipper Mill

They housed the machines that built our nation...now making history once again... sheltering offices and artisans ... and elegant homes... honoring the past and heralding the future...a once-thriving community lives again.

## 9. Eleven 80

A grand legacy anchoring a city's downtown...then decades of neglect and ruin...destroying a once-proud heritage. Now the past is reborn...and graciously preserved...with new space to live and play... a shining example of what a city has to offer.

## 10. Residential Communities Initiative

Housing for our troops...all over America...once, neglected or non-existent...now places to call home. Better quality of life...keeping families together...building morale...serving the men and women who serve our nation.

## 11. General Motors Renaissance Center

Reclaiming the riverfront...for all to enjoy...now dreams soar skyward. A monument to enterprise and inspiration...and a new vision for work and play. Bringing people together...new life for a great American city.

## 12. Liberty Hotel and Yawkey Center

Open your eyes to fresh ideas and this is what happens ...part medical center, part hotel...what once housed the city's criminals now shelters the sick and soothes the tired traveler. Elegance and innovation...creates a new look for old Boston.

## 13. Lincoln Square

A dream fades and dies... and then a new vision touches the sky...filling the air with opportunity. Open for business and building more. And they come to work, play, shop and stay...for a rainbow of possibilities...and a brighter future.

#### 14. Medinah Temple

Once an endangered landmark...slated to be torn down... now it's a touchstone for Chicago's vital spirit...and a celebration of light, space and a new found elegance. Legacy of a bygone age...once again a city can be proud.

#### 15. New Columbia

Built for shipyard workers...then isolated as public housing...time to start over...to rethink and rebuild...new homes and places... for all income levels. A new community springs to life ...that's something to celebrate.

#### 16. Overture

Steps from the state capitol...a new cultural icon...celebrating the arts...entertaining... educating...inspiring. A monument to grace... vision...and the treasures that bloom from a brilliant civic gesture.

#### 17. Solara

In a land blessed by the sun...San Diego leads the way...the first all solar affordable housing...saving energy...respecting the environment... a sustainable community...setting a new standard for living green.

#### 18. South Campus Gateway

Desolation Row...ringing the campus of a great University. Now a portal... for fun and adventure... where town meets gown. A community transformed...and an evenings' entertainment...right next door.

