

November 1, 2024

Nova Romero, City Clerk  
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**Re: RFP #2024-25-001, Architectural Services for The Harrison Memorial Library Renovation Project**

The Harrison Memorial Library is a vibrant focus of the cultural life of Carmel and the region, with a unique historic legacy. The renovation presents a transformative opportunity to respect that legacy while renewing the library for the next century. The much-needed attention to seismic, accessibility, technology, and systems upgrades will enable the staff to expand the library's effectiveness as an irreplaceable resource for the community, welcoming and serving all ages and backgrounds.

**Carmel as a local and global center for arts and culture**

Carmel's history as a center for the arts and culture dates to the early 1900's. Its natural beauty and commitment to harmony with nature have always been central to its ethos. All of this has combined to make Carmel a local, regional, and global magnet. The Carmel Public Library has been an essential part of cultural life and civic dialogue throughout the city's history. The Harrison Memorial Library perfectly expresses the values of the city, with its beautifully conceived and crafted architecture, its connection to the landscape and its intimate but welcoming environment.

It is this combination of architectural, cultural, civic, and environmental richness that informs our team's deep enthusiasm and commitment to the goals of your project. We have regional and global experience which can bring sensitivity to the historic legacy and to the seamless integration of modern technology and systems.

**Deep experience in historic renovations**

For over forty years we have completed a wide array of renovations and restorations of important historic architecture. These have included award winning libraries in Tacoma, Los Angeles, and Berkeley as well as many civic and educational buildings which were essential to their communities. In each case, a legacy building was revitalized to become a treasured focus of civic life. As a member of the Society of Architectural Historians, I have had a longstanding commitment to the preservation and renewal of our cultural legacy. As a Trustee of the British Architecture Library Trust, I have been able to support the world's pre-eminent collection of architectural books, drawings, and ephemera, assisting with outreach, fundraising and the dissemination of the collection.

**Library, Civic and Cultural Projects**

Our expertise includes some twenty library projects as well as scores of civic and cultural projects. As the role of libraries in communities evolves, civic, cultural, and educational programs increasingly inform libraries as the centers of community life and learning.

*Partners*

John Ruble FAIA  
Buzz Yudell FAIA

*Principals*

Christopher Chan AIA  
Jeanne Chen FAIA  
Christopher Hamilton Assoc AIA  
Neal Matsuno FAIA  
James Mary O'Connor FAIA  
Sharlene Silverman Assoc AIA  
Mario Violich FAIA, ASLA

### **Educational expertise**

We have a passion for educational projects at all levels from K-12 to community colleges and public and private universities. As global leaders in state-of-the-art learning environments, we have been able to cross-fertilize best practices across building types and communities. A deep understanding of emerging technologies, pedagogies, life-long learning, and hybrid learning has been central to informing our work with libraries.

### **A commitment to Carmel and the community**

I have been deepening my roots in Carmel for several decades, enhanced by close friendships with many long-term residents and community leaders. Since 2010, my wife Tina Beebe, designer and painter, and I have been homeowners, committed to spending increasing amounts of time in this exceptional community. It would be an honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to contribute to this community by working with stakeholders on the Harrison Memorial Library renovation.

### **A proven team which is ready and committed**

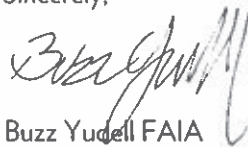
We thrive on civic projects with a historic legacy and an engaged community. We are proud of our proven record of transformative and inspirational projects achieved on budget and schedule. We have assembled a team with deep relevant experience and unbounded enthusiasm.

I will be the Design Partner for Moore Ruble Yudell. I will work in close collaboration with Chris Hamilton as Principal-in-Charge, Clover Linné as Project Manager, and Kaoru Orime as Project Designer. We are nearing completion on the very sensitive renovation of the 1929 UCLA Powell Library historic main library. This technically complex and aesthetically sensitive project is tracking under budget. It represents an extension of our original renovation of 1987. The four of us are available to begin work with you immediately on the Harrison Memorial Library.

Our consultants bring a wide range of relevant regional experience, with deep expertise in library, historic renovation, and civic projects. Their combined expertise includes successful work with Maybeck's architecture and familiarity with Carmel and its library system.

Our team of committed leaders and experts shares my enthusiasm for the unique opportunities of your project and would all be ready to move forward expeditiously and with passion on this legacy project. Our proposal is based on our understanding of your Request for Proposal, inclusive of Addendums 1-3. We would be delighted to have the opportunity to discuss your vision and goals for the Harrison Memorial Library project. Please feel free to contact me by telephone at 310-450-1400 ext. 218, or by email at [byudell@mryarchitects.com](mailto:byudell@mryarchitects.com) or Chris Hamilton at [chamilton@mryarchitects.com](mailto:chamilton@mryarchitects.com). Thank you for considering Moore Ruble Yudell for this unique project.

Sincerely,



Buzz Yudell FAIA  
Partner