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## HISTORY

### THE ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION OF LONG BEACH

This organization originated in 1920 as the Architectural Club of Long Beach. The first membership consisted of Architects, Draftsmen and Material Men. Meetings were informal get-togethers to discuss local building problems.

Interest in the Club dwindled in the late Twenties and meetings were discontinued during the depression.

The earthquake of 1933 rejuvenated the organization. There was much work to be done and the Architects held meetings to discuss ways and means of performing public service to the community. At this time the group adopted By-Laws and became The Architects Association of Long Beach. Membership has since been limited to registered Architects.

During the Second World War the Association again became inactive. It remained so until 1947 when the public school building program began in earnest. The Association was reactivated and successfully campaigned for an equitable distribution of school work in the local school district.

In recent years the Association has been interested and active in several local problems. Mainly the attainment of a worthy Civic Center for Long Beach.

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ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION OF LONG BEACH

With membership at an all time high of thirty-one members, the Architects Association of Long Beach is now beginning its thirty-sixth year! Comprised of registered architects in the Long Beach area, the group meets once monthly for dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a talk on a timely subject related to the profession. The group in the past has heard from many well known speakers from all fields related to architecture.

The organization's greatest challenge came in 1933, following the disastrous earthquake which devastated the area. There was a great need for public planning and a large program for rebuilding had to be formulated. In 1947 the organization was again at work campaigning for an equitable distribution among local architects, of school work in the local school district. They are currently active in furthering the program for a worthy Civic Center for Long Beach.

With the majority of the association membership comprised of A.I.A. members, the group works in close coordination with the Southern California Chapter. They are taking an active part in the hospitality program of the coming National A.I.A. Convention to be held in Los Angeles.