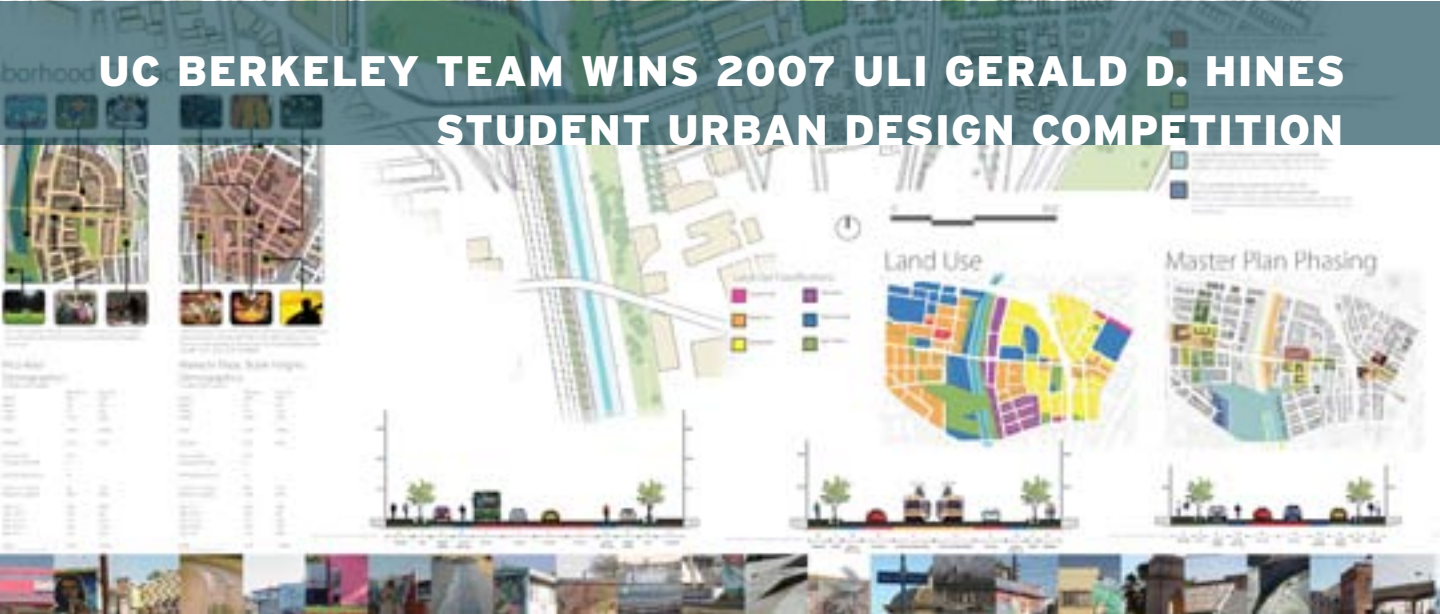




UC BERKELEY TEAM WINS 2007 ULI GERALD D. HINES STUDENT URBAN DESIGN COMPETITION



TECTONICS

“Tectonics” accretes disparate fragments of Los Angeles’ neighborhoods, cultures, and habitats into striking new epicenters of planar surfaces linked by rich veins of connectivity. Fault zones between neighborhoods and along the River are bridged by East First Street and by a series of green fissures linking transit epicenters with the Mesa, a new regional park thrust atop the railyard. Downtown’s monumental scale and the fine-grained textures of Little Tokyo and of the Arts District collide dramatically on the Mangrove Estate. Residential towers erupt from street-level fractures of intricate urban mews and greenways, creating vertical complements to the Mesa’s horizontal planes. From Mariachi Plaza to the Mangrove Estate, extensive on-site stormwater management and sustainable design trigger reverberations of greening throughout the urban hardscape. Addressing local needs for open space, recreational, commercial and entertainment amenities, this tectonic green network connects the core of Los Angeles along critical veins of nature and life.



The winning team (\$50,000 first prize) was Andrea Gaffney, Christopher Lollini (M.C.P./M.S. Civil/Environmental Engineering '07), Robert McCracken, M.C.P.'07), Aditi Rao (M.C.P./M.Arch.'07) and Brooke Ray Smith.

The Mangrove Estate

