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# OH! San Diego™ 2021 is Coming!

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COVID-19 has brought our communities together in ways no one could have expected. Living, working, and playing closer to home has shed a powerful light on the importance of our neighborhoods and their ability to shape not only our families but society at large. If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that local communities can serve as a powerful vehicle for effecting social change now and into the future. In 2021, we'll proudly be playing a role in that through Open House San Diego (OH! San Diego).

OH! San Diego is a free, annual public showcase that promotes appreciation of San Diego's urban environment through behind-the-scenes access to and information about buildings and spaces in San Diego neighborhoods. In 2020, OH! San Diego hosted more than 8,500 site visits to 89 sites in 9 neighborhoods. Oh! San Diego was founded by Susanne Friestedt, a native San Diegan and Point Loma resident, as her way of giving back to her hometown in a meaningful way.

## OH! San Diego is a program of the San Diego Architectural Foundation (SDF)

For more than 40 years, SDAF has been fulfilling its mission to inspire San Diegans to discover the value of design in the built environment. SDAF programs include the annual Orchids & Onions program, celebrating the best and worst in San Diego architecture and design; the Built Environment Education Program (BEEP), inspiring San Diego's youth through fun and interactive activities; and more.

As an official Open House Worldwide City, San Diego is one of just four cities in the U.S. and 45 cities across the globe designated as an Open House Worldwide (OHWW) locations. OHWW, founded in London in 1992, is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating and engaging the public about the best in urban design and architecture, and the critical challenges facing our cities.

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## Oh! San Diego 2021: Design + Community

As we have been spending more time closer to home, our neighborhoods have become all the more vital to us. At the same time, equity, diversity, and inclusion are at the forefront. 2021 brings an opportunity for OH! San Diego to expand beyond its traditional borders and encourage San Diegans to explore and appreciate a diverse and culturally rich mix of communities — National City, Chula Vista, Southeast San Diego, City Heights, Barrio Logan, San Marcos, and La Mesa.

Exploring the intersection of design and community, OH! San Diego 2021 will offer a series of activities offering an exploration of each neighborhood’s history, public spaces, and behind-the-scenes views of architecturally and socially significant developments both existing and yet to come. OH! 2021 will feature self-guided tours, socially distanced outdoor experiences and activations, virtual tours, and panel discussions.

### Will you join us?

OH! San Diego is looking for ambassadors in each neighborhood who can help plan the event and help spread the word. Input is needed for site selection, storytelling, and planning great programs that will engage community residents and OH! visitors in meaningful dialogue about each neighborhood’s vital role in our region’s future. Join our planning committee or participate as a stakeholder in a one-on-one interview to help guide our process.

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