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## Mayoral Candidates Forum at BSA Space on June 5

Boston — After five terms in office, Mayor Thomas Menino's leadership of Boston will soon come to an end. A new administration presents tremendous challenges and opportunities for the city as a whole, and the Boston Society of Architects (BSA) understands how this transition may also affect the built environment and the professionals who support it.

The BSA has invited mayoral candidates to discuss the role that architecture and the urban environment play in shaping the lives of Boston's residents and visitors. Candidates have been asked to explore community, development, jobs, sustainability, and livability at a Mayoral Candidates Forum on June 5 at BSA Space, 290 Congress Street, Boston.

Said BSA President Mike Davis FAIA, "Design decisions directly affect our city's health, growth, and economic viability. The BSA is pleased to convene this civic discussion about the next phase of Boston's development."

Confirmed participants include Felix Arroyo, John Connolly, Robert Consalvo, Charlotte Golar Richie, Mike Ross, and Bill Walczak. Read their bios at <http://www.architects.org/programs-and-events/lectures-conversations-films#mayoral>. The candidates have been asked to respond to the following:

"Through the planning and design of buildings, architects shape public and private places in which we work and live. Architects share our communities' deep concerns that the places we live, work and play are safe, healthy, and sustainable. We would like to ask each of you: What are your priorities with respect to issues in this campaign involving the building development, sustaining the environment, transportation, housing, and growth? And what actions will you take in these areas that will enhance the quality of life for the people of our city?"

Renée Loth, *ArchitectureBoston* editor and *Boston Globe* columnist, will moderate the discussion.

The forum will begin at 8:30 am and will last one hour and a half. The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so please email [rsvp@architects.org](mailto:rsvp@architects.org) by May 31 to ensure your place at this important discussion.

### About the Boston Society of Architects

The Boston Society of Architects (BSA) is committed to professional development for its members, advocacy on behalf of great design, and sharing an appreciation for the built environment with the public at large. Established in 1867, the BSA today consists of nearly 4,000 members and produces a diverse array of programs and publications, including

ArchitectureBoston Expo (ABX) and *ArchitectureBoston* magazine. A chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the BSA is a nonprofit, professional-service organization. For more information, visit [architects.org](http://architects.org).

**About BSA Space**

BSA Space (290 Congress Street, Boston) is Boston's leading cultural institution on architecture and design and home to the Boston Society of Architects. The BSA Space gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am–6:00 pm, and on weekends and holidays from 10:00 am–5:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [bsaspace.org](http://bsaspace.org).

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