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Boston Society for Architecture welcomes new Community Design Director

Boston, MA—The Boston Society for Architecture (BSA) recently welcomed longtime design advocate Benjamin Peterson to its staff as community design director. Peterson will lead initiatives that further the BSA’s goal of providing every neighborhood in Boston, and particularly those currently underserved by design, with access to design resources. His work will continue the BSA’s legacy of using design to create safer and healthier communities.

Peterson most recently was education director at the Boston Architectural College, where he led students in a number of initiatives related to civic engagement and community design. Notable initiatives include Gateway and the Huxtable Fellowship, programs in which students acquire professional skills and experience working on design projects that benefit Greater Boston nonprofits, community organizations, and municipalities.

“We’re delighted that Ben Peterson has accepted this position,” said Eric White, BSA executive director. “His experience creating linkages between communities, nonprofits, and design professionals will enable us to deepen our relationships within Greater Boston neighborhoods where we are using design to equitably address challenges such as climate change and housing.”

The Boston Society for Architecture is a diverse community committed to improving the quality of life for everyone through architecture and design. The BSA brings leadership about the built environment to New England’s design profession and to communities throughout Greater Boston. The BSA keeps its 4,500 professional members working at the top of their fields while empowering children, communities, and municipalities to use design to create safe and healthy neighborhoods. Architecture can provide equitable solutions for housing, regional planning, and climate change. The BSA uses the expertise of architects, designers, and building professionals to make good design a part of life for everyone who lives, works, and plays in Boston. The BSA serves everyone who benefits from the built environment. By hosting professional and youth design education programs, fostering community engagement and membership networks, and initiating civic transformation, the BSA is making this a region where architects thrive and communities flourish.

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