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Congratulations are in order for Rod Sakai, an Environmental Specialist with the City of Los Angeles Community Development Department (CDD). The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) has just honored him with the Outstanding Community Partner Award. Mr. Sakai, who specializes in Historic Preservation, was recognized for his work on numerous LANI projects, the most recent being the Leimert Park and West Adams Façade and Signage Improvement Projects.



Rod Sakai and LANI Ex. Dir., Joyce Perkins



In recognizing Rod Sakai, LANI officials noted his gracious and skilled response to community and private organizations.

At CDD Rod oversees and guides historically significant properties through a rigorous process for Environmental Historic Review. The Environmental Section at CDD has won a number of local, state, and federal awards for Historic Preservation for projects including the Lincoln Park Boathouse, Fire

Station #44 in Cypress Park, the Ziegler House in Highland Park, and the South Seas House in the West Adams District. More recently the Ralph Bunche House, located in Central Los Angeles, won a Los Angeles Conservancy Award.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative is a community-driven program dedicated to jump-starting neighborhood revitalization, business district revitalization, urban greening and more.

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