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Firm:

Lynn Capouya Inc. (LCI), Irvine, Calif.

Licenses: Alabama #245, 1982; Arizona, #20757, 1987; California #2314, 1983; Oregon #326, 1995; Texas #2009, 2000; Virginia #0406000595, 1995; Washington #630, 1994

Certifications:

LEED accredited professional, 2004; Certified arborist, 2006

Education:

Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture, Univ. of Arizona, 1979

Professional Affiliations:

Pacific Breast Care Advisory Committee; March Air Force Base Museum Board

LCI's Awards Include:

Anaheim Street Rehabilitation/Restoration, APWA 2014 Best Project Award and California Transportation Foundation 2014 Street Project of the Year.

Wendy Drive/101 Overpass and Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue/101, American Public Works Association, Ventura County chapter, 2014 Projects of the Year.

Agensys Biotech Facility, L.A. Business Council, 2013 Award of Excellence.

Dana Point Gateway, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2010 Award of Excellence.

Recognized by the Harbor Association as a member of the Pier T and Pier 400 teams in Great Port Projects awards.

Lynn Capouya, who founded her firm in 1979, has 36 years of landscape architecture experience. LCI is a full-service landscape architecture firm with 15 full-time employees, including three licensed landscape architects, two LEED accredited professionals and a certified irrigation designer/water auditor. Her company is headquartered in Irvine, Calif., and has offices in downtown Los Angeles and Indian Wells, Calif. Capouya is responsible for strategic partnering and corporate management, among other responsibilities. Capouya has obtained many widely sought-after projects and built a diversified client base. She has experience in both construction/program management and design/build teams in support of programming, budget preparation, master planning, conceptual design, plan specifications and estimates, peer review and construction administration. Capouya has served as an owner's representative, prime consultant, subconsultant to the general contractor, prime architect/engineer and landscape contractor. As president of LCI, she has incorporated FAR and GAAP accounting procedures, indemnification and pass-through provisions, and technical contract requirements and performance metrics into her company's policies and procedures. LCI is committed to sustainability. Many of its projects feature water efficient plant palettes, weather sensitive irrigation systems and environmentally responsible drainage systems. This is a pivotal point with LCI, which consistently has been able to incorporate sustainable design features into projects while staying within clients' budget parameters.



Agensys Biotech Facility, *Santa Monica, Calif.*

Above: LCI transformed what once was a water heater manufacturing building and a television film set into the 160,000 square foot Agensys Biotech Facility. The biotech research campus has offices, a research center, laboratory and manufacturing facility. It also has a pedestrian pathway, public café, and a sculpture garden to showcase local artisans. It was designed to achieve LEED silver certification. LCI received a 2013 Under-Construction Award of Excellence from the L.A. Business Council for outstanding architecture and design for the project.

Plaza of the Fountains, *Santa Ana, Calif.*

Right: LCI was the prime consultant to restore and upgrade the fountain, plaza and planters for the outdoor feature at the Orange County Civic Center called the Plaza of the Fountains. Plant material was transplanted from the Santa Ana Zoo to create a display of three themes. Accompanying interpretative graphics describe the design and plant selection for the Tranquility, Tapestry and Arroyo gardens.



Q & A

1. What was the pivotal or motivating factor(s) that made you choose a career in landscape architecture?

I really wanted to work with plants and my advisor sent me over to the landscape architecture department to take a class. It was a whole world that I knew nothing about. Planting design and plant materials provided the answer leading to my career choice in landscape architecture.

2. What in particular do you attribute your success to?

Perseverance and great mentors.

3. What career advice would you give to recently graduated landscape architectural students?

Gain as many technical skills as possible to complement the design skills. Be willing to go anywhere and do anything to learn and gain experience. Attitude counts for a lot and willingness is key.



Cabrillo Way Marina, Port of L.A., *San Pedro, Calif.*

LCI was part of the design team that completed the landscape and irrigation portions of this project, located along 22nd and Miner streets near the waterfront. The work included street and parkway development, and the incorporation of a future Red Car line, as well as improvements to rights-of-way, key entry points, a parking lot and other public areas. LCI selected plants consistent with a Port Landscape Master Plan and used drought-tolerant materials for sustainability reasons. Turf was used as a temporary solution to a Red Car line easement. LCI also worked with a waterfront consultant on the hardscape, signage and lighting components.



UCI Medical Center, *Orange, Calif.*

LCI was chosen as the landscape architect by the design/build team and developed the landscape and environmental components for a replacement hospital. The work involved extensive collaboration with UCI, state and local agencies. Key design features included: a connector between facilities; the main plaza; a porte cochere; a dining area with trellis; and a campus garden that features a palm grove, a contemplative water feature, and olive and historical gardens.



Long Beach Community College, *Long Beach, Calif.*

The liberal arts campus is currently being renovated, a project that includes the front and central quads, several buildings, parking lots and fire access lanes. LCI is the prime consultant on a master development plan for the landscaping, irrigation, grading and site lighting, as well as construction documents to complete the upgrade in phases. Bioswales and underground storage tanks are sustainable solutions to better manage storm water runoff. Drought tolerant plants and smart irrigation controllers and components help conserve water.



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