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**A BETTER CITY CONVERSATIONS:**

**ADAPTATIONS & NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ARCHITECTURE**

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# How has your practice changed?

## Logistics

- › **hybrid model** of an open office as well as remote working
- › **100% redundancy** of hardware and software for on-site and remote work for 100% of staff

## Communication

- › reliance on technology and **preparation**
- › commitment to **daily internal team communication**
- › commitment to planned **consistent client interaction**
- › **workplace as a magnet**, not a mandate

# What are the lessons (re-)learned?

- › **Inclusive, regular internal communication** is important on the firm level and the project level.
- › Planning and design in the 21st century is **multi-disciplinary, collaborative, dependent on intense interaction**; proximity drives collaboration and innovation, but it is not necessary for all our work, all the time.
- › **Design is our medium** to leverage opportunities to enhance social justice.

# Has the design sensibility of the profession evolved?

- › **acceleration** and focus on best practices related to healthy buildings and resilient environments
- › **hybrid modalities** of work, education, research, and living
- › renewed **awareness** of the profession's responsibilities related to social justice in all facets of the profession — planning, design, and advocacy
- › **optimism** about the influence and impact of the design professions on the health, inclusion, and equity of our society