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Dear Vicky Carlson,

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On behalf of the American Institute of Architects – Academy of Architecture for Justice, we would like to cordially invite members of your organization to the AIA-AAJ annual conference to be held in at the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City, New Jersey, November 14-16, 2018.

The [Academy of Architecture for Justice \(AAJ\)](#) is a Knowledge Community of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). It is the AAJ primary goal to be the recognized organization that promotes excellence in design of justice facilities that:

- Operate efficiently, safely, and securely
- Contribute to more livable and sustainable communities
- Elevate the stature of these institutions within society
- Create a positive environment for those who visit, work, and live there
- Achieve prudent stewardship of public funds

The theme of this year's conference is "*Enlightened Justice: Advancing Treatment*". According to the National Alliance on Mental Health, it is estimated more than 2 million arrests in the US involve people with serious mental illnesses. People who are experiencing a mental health crisis are more likely to encounter police than get medical help, again, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. As a result, 64% of jail inmates have a mental health problem, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The 2018 Academy of Architecture for Justice Conference will provide a venue for us to rethink and reassess. We will carry on and integrate what we have been exploring at our national conferences the past several years focusing on collaborative inter- and transdisciplinary design. Together, we can disrupt and redefine how we as architects, owners and affiliates address the mental health crisis within our justice facilities.

For additional conference, registration, and call for presentation information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2IeUiZ7> . We sincerely hope that your members may be able to attend the conference and join us in this important conversation to address sustainable solutions for the future. You may also reach out directly to Melissa Farling, melissa.farling@gouldevans.com , 602.650.7605, including call for presentations deadline extension.

Sincerely,

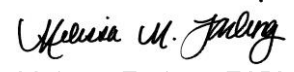
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