

# USC-LOGOS Collaboration to Reimagine Forgotten Spaces, Black Churches, in LA Ahead of the 2028 Olympics

*Los Angeles, CA — In a groundbreaking collaboration, Logos Development and USC are working together to breathe new life into underutilized church spaces.*

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collaboration, [Logos](#) Faith Development LLC (LOGOS) and the University of Southern California School of Architecture (USC SOA) are working together to breathe new life into underutilized church spaces across Los Angeles. Through an advanced studio course called "The Money Train – The Last Mile," this collaboration aims to highlight and promote the role of Black churches

"The Money Train, The Last Mile Studio" is set to become a landmark project that showcases how faith and design can intersect to create meaningful community impact. As Los Angeles prepares to welcome the world in 2028, the USC-

LOGOS Collaboration aims to ensure that the Black church stands as a pillar of cultural and spiritual innovation.

The initiative focuses on transforming churches that are partnered with LOGOS to develop some or all their properties into affordable housing, in the interim before development, into multifunctional spaces that address the urgent needs of their neighborhoods. These spaces will host temporary projects, such as hydroponic grow centers to combat food insecurity and back-to-school programs that provide vital resources for local youth. These spaces will evolve into vibrant hubs for art exhibitions, cultural events, and community engagement.

The collaboration aims to turn overlooked or underutilized church properties into thriving centers of activity, offering new opportunities and resources to the communities they serve.

The project aligns with a visionary goal set for 2028, when the Olympics arrive in Los Angeles, to see these churches revitalized through innovative design and development, fostering thriving,

engaged, and growing congregations.

This collaboration not only promises architectural innovation but also aims to deepen cultural engagement within Los Angeles. The mission is clear: to let the city feel, see, and understand the power and purpose of the transcendent Black church experience, transforming lives and shaping the future of Los Angeles for the better.

LOGOS is leveraging its strategic partnership with the capital advisory team at [Walker & Dunlop](#), and through Pastor Porter's relationship with their team lead Chris Montes, to help facilitate support from the financial community for this initiative.



Pastor Martin Porter (Managing Partner Logos Faith Development)

[Kevin Sherrod](#), an award-winning educator known for his sustainable and inclusive urban designs, conceived "The Money Train" to merge functionality with profound artistic expression. His designs are intended to not only transform spaces but also to resonate with the historic and spiritual essence of each site.

Learn more about Kevin Sherrod's innovative approach and his personal journey by visiting his website at <https://www.kevinsherrod.com/> Pastor Martin Porter and his team and partners at Logos Development have been instrumental in realizing this vision, leveraging church properties for broader community benefit. "Through the USC-LOGOS Collaboration, we are channeling the power of architecture and design to showcase the transcendent experience of the Black church, aiming to transform lives and uplift the entire city," said Pastor Porter. Discover more about Logos Development's impactful work by visiting their website at: [www.logosfaithdev.com](http://www.logosfaithdev.com).

For further details about "The Money Train, The Last Mile Studio" and upcoming events, please contact Pastor Martin Porter at the information provided.

About Logos Faith Development LLC: Logos Development is a visionary, faith based real estate developer dedicated to re-envisioning, reimagining, and repurposing church land to build vibrant communities.

About USC School of Architecture: The USC School of Architecture leads in architectural education, advancing the boundaries of design and sustainability, and empowering the next generation of architects and urban planners.

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