Since founding Lorcan O’Herlihy Architects in 1990, principal Lorcan O’Herlihy, FAIA, has sought opportunities to engage the ever changing complexities of the urban landscape by embracing the role of architecture as a catalyst of change. Lorcan’s commitment to design excellence has earned over 75 national and local awards, including the 2010 AIA / Los Angeles Firm of the Year. He has taught and lectured extensively over the last decade, including at the University of Southern California, Architectural Association in London, Southern California Institute of Architecture, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Columbia University, and the National Building Museum.

The Los Angeles region is notorious for its lack of urban public space; LOHA’s design for Formosa1140 addresses this condition by parceling out a third of its privately-owned building site as a publicly-managed pocket park for the City of West Hollywood. Formosa1140 creates density and green space, modeling a replicable prototype for incremental community-driven city development.