



**Job Title: Planning Associate**

**Location: Los Angeles, CA**

**Organization: Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI)**

**Job Opening: ASAP**

**Closing date: When Filled**

**KOUNKUEY DESIGN INITIATIVE** is currently seeking a planning associate to add to our growing team of about 15 staff in Los Angeles, CA. This is a fantastic opportunity for a highly motivated and creative self-starter to work directly with under-resourced communities throughout Southern California on **community-driven development**. The position is based in our downtown Los Angeles office, but requires frequent travel to our projects in the Eastern Coachella Valley and other areas in Southern California.

**Job Description:**

The Planning Associate will work closely with the Planning, Design, and Community Departments to develop, implement, and lead our participatory design process, economic and social development programs, mobility planning, and site planning on various public space projects in the Southern California region. The Planning Associate will support project managers (Planning Coordinators).

Initially, the Planning Associate will focus on our project with California State Parks to improve park equity statewide. We will be supporting 12 municipalities to create new parks in low-income, park-poor communities through a new \$250M funding stream and grant application process. The Planning Associate will assist in mapping and analyzing areas of need, evaluating potential park sites, and developing public engagement activities and tools.

**Qualifications:**

- Bilingual in English and Spanish (verbal and written) strongly preferred
- Masters degree in Urban Planning or related field
- 1-3 years working experience in community development, policy advocacy, economic development, or urban planning. Basic project management experience preferred.
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills
- Excellent writing and analytical abilities
- Proficient in Adobe InDesign and GIS
- Experience with transportation planning a plus, but not required
- Strong commitment to social and environmental justice



**How to Apply:**

Send electronic copy of cover letter, resume, writing sample and three (3) references— portfolio optional but preferred— to: [LAJobs@kounkuey.org](mailto:LAJobs@kounkuey.org)

**Subject heading: Planning Associate: Your Name**

**About KDI:**

KDI is a non-profit design and community development organization. We collaborate with under-resourced communities to advance equity and activate the unrealized potential in neighborhoods and cities. We accomplish this mission through advocacy, research, planning, and built works.

We have been recognized for our innovative approach to poverty alleviation by notable institutions such as The Rockefeller Foundation, UN-Habitat, The California Endowment, Ashoka Changemakers, American Express, Annenberg Alchemy, Smithsonian Institute, IDEO, Echoing Green, The Atlantic Renewal Project, and UN/Dubai and Swiss Re Foundation.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status or medical condition.