

Michael is an architect, author, and visionary, and holds the position of president at Anderson Barker Architects, a firm dedicated to revitalizing overlooked areas within our cities. Specializing as an architect and urban designer, Michael directs his efforts towards the economic development and modernization of underserved BIPOC communities, drawing from his extensive 40 years of experience in urban design, economic development, transit, aviation, education, infrastructure, and redevelopment projects.

A testament to his commitment, Michael has formulated the Accelerated Housing & Transit Development (AHTD) Project, strategically utilizing private equity and federal funds to rectify the glaring inequities in income-generating property availability within underserved communities. The AHTD Project not only addresses the urgent unhoused crisis in Los Angeles by swiftly developing existing land parcels but also aims to foster generational wealth in Black and Brown communities, presenting a contemporary solution grounded in past community redevelopment studies.

Michael firmly believes that astute and empathetic planning, combined with accessible capital sources, can effectively address the challenges posed by rapid urban growth in large metropolises. By strategically designing projects to stimulate local market economies, he envisions a better quality of life for residents. Michael emphasizes the importance of continuous modernization of cities and infrastructures while preserving and enhancing existing cultural identities. Leveraging the diversity of a city's culture and income, he envisions the creation of memorable and beautiful communities that support positive living for individuals of all ages, contributing revenue to sustain public services.