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Oakland Heritage Alliance and the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board of the City of Oakland present

# Adaptive Reuse in Los Angeles: A Model for Recycling Oakland's Heritage?

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**Monday, May 23, 2005, 6–9 p.m.**

Oakland City Council Chambers • City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

**O**LD BUILDINGS often outlive their original purposes. Adaptive Reuse is a process that adapts old buildings for new uses while retaining their historic features.

In 1999, the City of Los Angeles adopted landmark legislation to facilitate the conversion of its older buildings, many of which are economically distressed and historically significant, to more productive uses.

Known among local developers as the “Adaptive Reuse Czar,” Mr. Behdad coordinates the needs of city departments with developers’ interests. Mr. Behdad’s collaborative approach has helped spawn a surge of building renovation in the city—in Los Angeles there are currently over 10,000 adaptive reuse units either in the works or completed.

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