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Alison B. Hirsch, Ph.D., FAAR
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Dear Professor Hirsch:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its February 22, 2024, meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the professional MLA degree at University of Southern California. This status is subject to review of annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. As stated in the LAAB Accreditation Procedures (page 16), the grant of accreditation will begin from the originally scheduled review date regardless of any rescheduling of the program's site visit. Therefore, the six-year period of accreditation ends December 31, 2028 due to the one year delayed visit. Accordingly, the MLA program is next scheduled for a review during the fall of 2028.

In making its decision, LAAB considered the program's self-evaluation report, the visiting team's report, and the program's response to the report.

There are no recommendations affecting accreditation.

On behalf of the visiting team, I would like to thank you for the hospitality extended to them by the faculty, staff, and students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Roxie Thoren'.

Roxie Thoren, ASLA
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Carol Folt, PhD., President

**University of Southern California
MLA Program
LAAB Meeting
February 22, 2024**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations Affecting Accreditation

There are no recommendations affecting accreditation.