

The Practice of Democracy stands in alignment with those who see themselves as stewards of the values and principles rooted in our democracy. We are co-creators of a landscape representative of the kind of democracy necessary to grow our humanity. Together, we collectively support efforts centered on activating outputs within the built environment committed to building a stronger and more inclusive capital WE.

A necessary and critical WE to counter the decision making and design processes within the built environment that all too often reinforce undemocratic ideologies and principles, systematizing a hierarchy of human value. We work in cities, institutions, structures and organizations in order transform the perceptions and landscapes that continue to buttress divisions in our shared humanity.

Practitioners across professions like design, philanthropy, development and policy, have to pick up this current energy and enter into this stewardship, resuscitating the social contract of democracy, not in the swell of energy for the moment but for the long-term. Holding both this implication and this desire for change, we enter a process of transformation. We intentionally did not say reform.

It is not enough to write statements or say; 'let us cure bias', and not undo the systems and structures around us that are assaults on our shared democracy. We need deliberate processes everywhere because systems and structures themselves, having been often designed with undemocratic beliefs where all are not endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights. It is within this deeper understanding we must invigorate a process moving beyond rhetorical gestures of democracy into practice.

WE must take action.

In the very spirit of those standing up for the kind of democracy necessary to grow our humanity, The Practice of Democracy was formed.