Kate Kigongo

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Kate Kigongo is the City of West Hollywood's Senior Innovation Analyst. Kate uses innovation and strategic thinking to find creative solutions to real-world problems. With fifteen years of experience in community-oriented design, she works with teams to realize organizational transformation by designing programs and projects to develop, grow and implement strategic visions for the future. She plans for and implements smart city technologies into urban infrastructure and develops programs to give staff the tools they need to be innovative thinkers and service providers. As an urban leader, Kate translates the needs of communities to designers, engineers, and architects, and translates complex technical concepts to constituents and city staff. Through the use of technology, pilot projects, and creative problem solving, Kate advances West Hollywood as a leading smart city.

Prior to working for the City of West Hollywood, Kate was a Program Manager at Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), managing urban greening and community revitalization projects, including managing the development of conceptual plans for two of LA Mayor Garcetti's first fifteen Great Streets.

Earlier, Kate worked as a Program Officer at Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) where she ran the California Preschool Energy Efficiency Program, a $6 million program that provided free energy efficiency assessments, energy data analysis, and retrofits to child care and recreation centers statewide.

Kate is a graduate of UCLA and holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning with a concentration in Design and Development. She also has a Bachelor of Arts from UCLA in Geography and History. In 2019, she received

a certificate from the Women's Leadership Institute at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Speaking Experience

Presenter - Alliance for Innovation, Envisio, American Planning Association
Panelist - Impact Cities Conference, SXSW, SXSWEco, Enterprise Ireland, Design Build Institute of America, Data for Gov Summit, Smart Street Light Conference
Guest Lecturer - AC Martin, USC Smart Growth, General Assembly, Art Center College of Design, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
Moderator – American Institute of Architects LA