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## **Meet the Design-Build Team: C.W. Driver & LPA Design Studios**

Leading the Outdoor Athletics Complex Project at San Diego Mesa College

### **What excites your team most about being selected for this project?**

We're absolutely thrilled that C.W. Driver and LPA Design Studios will lead the design and construction for this groundbreaking Outdoor Athletics Complex project at San Diego Mesa College. It is an honor to partner with San Diego Mesa College and the District in advancing the Mesa 2030 goal of being the leading college of equity and excellence. What excites us the most is the potential lives this project will be able to impact, serving students, faculty, and the community. Imagine replacing outdated 1960s-era athletic facilities with state-of-the-art exercise science, athletic spaces, and a new aquatic center as a transformative hub that boosts student success and inspires a healthier and inclusive community. This project aligns perfectly with our passion for sustainable, high-performance designs that connect people and elevate well-being. It's going to be a game-changer for kinesiology, sports, and beyond!

### **How will you work with the district and campus community to bring this project to life?**

We look forward to collaborating closely with the San Diego Community College District and the vibrant Mesa campus community every step of the way! We'll kick things off with inclusive workshops and listening sessions to weave in the voices of students, faculty, and staff, ensuring the design reflects Mesa 2030's goals for culturally relevant learning and equity-driven

spaces. Partnering with C.W. Driver, our proven design-build approach means seamless integration from concept to construction. We are planning productive and fun charrettes with transparent progress updates. We'll align with the District's Facilities Planning Committee to navigate Measure HH priorities, turning visions into reality with speed and precision. This isn't just building; it's co-creating a legacy that empowers everyone involved—what an exhilarating journey ahead!

**What experience does your team bring that will help deliver a successful outcome?**

Our team brings a powerhouse of expertise that's tailor-made for delivering stellar results on this project and we're inspired to put it all into action! C.W. Driver and LPA have partnered for over three decades, providing integrated sustainable design in education and sports facilities we've delivered over 50 successful higher education projects across Southern California. LPA is celebrating 60 years of crafting award-winning spaces that prioritize performance and wellness and earning the AIA's 2025 Architecture Firm Award for sustainability at scale. C.W. Driver shines with their extensive track record proving on-time, on-budget transformations in higher ed. Together, we've mastered design-build collaborations that blend cutting-edge architecture with flawless execution, ensuring this kinesiology hub exceeds expectations and fuels Mesa's vision for success.

**How do you plan to incorporate sustainability, accessibility, or other district priorities into the design and construction?**

We are thrilled about infusing sustainability, accessibility, and district priorities into every facet of this project design and construction. Drawing from Mesa 2030's commitment to sustainability and reducing the campus carbon footprint, we'll design high-performance facilities with renewable energy and low-impact materials embracing the campus and landscape for efficient, resilient spaces. Accessibility will be front and center with universal design principles, ensuring inclusive pathways, adaptive equipment, and high-tech kinesiology labs for all abilities. We'll align with

SDCCD's Strategic Plan by prioritizing equity through culturally responsive features and community health initiatives. Our team's expertise in sustainable design and construction will make it all happen smoothly, delivering a facility that serves today's students and supports long-term environmental and community well-being.

**What impact do you hope this project will have for students, faculty, and the wider community?**

We hope to ignite a wave of student success by providing modern, equitable spaces that boost the already successful athletic programs to the next level, improve completion rates, and foster innovation. We hope to integrate this project into the beautiful San Diego Mesa Campus seamlessly and help faculty thrive in inspiring environments that enhance teaching and research. We hope students gain hands-on experiences, build their skills, and thrive in the state-of-the-art gym, dance studios, training and study areas, aquatics center, beach volleyball courts, and upgraded fields that promote health and wellness. For the wider San Diego community, this facility will become a vibrant hub for events, training, and partnerships, bridging gaps in access and inspiring lifelong fitness—ultimately building a healthier, more connected region that's ready to tackle tomorrow's challenges with energy and optimism!

