

James De Long, AIA The Wolford House, 1947-1951



4260 Sea View Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90065

Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #614. James De Long, AIA and Taliesin Fellow. The Wolford House is as pure an expression of Frank Lloyd Wright's 'Usonian' style of architecture as one could hope to find in Southern California. De Long apprenticed with Wright at Taliesin where he absorbed the principles that would define his early work in Los Angeles. Sited on Mount Washington's architecturally significant Sea View Lane, the expansive views of the ocean, verdant canyons and cityscape are sublime.

The property's original warm palette and meticulous craftsmanship remain intact, with hues of burnt red, classic Usonian brick fireplace, concrete floors, and matched grain redwood throughout. De Long's design exhibits a strong, expressive connection to the site's surrounding nature that couldn't be more complete. The frameless mitered edge windows facing Southwest maximize the brilliant long views way beyond Mount Washington.

The residence and grounds also include original built-in furniture and cabinetry in all living spaces, as well as multiple outdoor seating areas at the front, side and rear of the property. The original stools designed for the house by James De Long are being offered as part of the sale. The freestanding garage was recently converted to an ADU/guesthouse and adds 422 square feet of exquisitely designed living space. Significantly, this property benefits from the Mills Act, which offers substantial property tax savings for the next owner. The Wolford House has been featured in many publications including Dwell, Mid-Century Home, Curbed LA, and Vogue, further affirming its legacy as a celebrated piece of Los Angeles' architectural heritage.

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