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Gafcon opens LA office

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San Diego-based Gafcon, Inc. recently opened a Los Angeles office at 660 South Figueroa Street as it expands its Southern California presence.

During its 30-year history, Gafcon has managed notable projects in the Los Angeles region, including work at UCLA, the Los Angeles Forum, Los Angeles Community College District, The Accelerated Schools, and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

The construction consulting company is currently providing project management services for AltaSea, a 35-acre historic site at the Port of Los Angeles undergoing redevelopment to accelerate scientific collaboration and strengthen the blue technology and marine science industries.

"We have a long history of working in the Los Angeles region and a deep respect for the intellectual and creative assets here," Gafcon CEO Yehudi Gaffen said in a statement. "Our larger Los Angeles office will allow us to stay more closely connected to the city and offers a fantastic location in a historic building."

The company's Los Angeles team will focus on Gafcon's core areas of expertise, including support services for owners, developers and

public entities through entitlements, program and project management, as well as construction management. Gafcon serves both public and private clients in a variety of markets, including waterfront, educational, high-rise, mixed-use, retail, municipal, and residential real estate.

"Our office is managing a large HVAC retrofit program in partnership with the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District and is providing construction management services for

modernization projects at Orange Unified School District's Canyon High School," said Dale Noriyuki, regional director for Gafcon's L.A. office. "In addition, we just completed the Accelerated Charter Elementary School in Los Angeles.

Gafcon has been a fixture in San Diego County real estate for the past 30 years, having shepherded such projects as a \$1.55 billion bond for the San Diego Community College District, a \$4.9 billion bond for the San Diego Unified School District, and a \$198 million bond program for the Carlsbad Unified School District.

Gaffen is also a principal with Protea Waterfront Development, which plans to transform Seaport Village property with three hotels, 300,000 square feet of retail, an institute for maritime education, and a public market.

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