Chih-Wei Hsu

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Sr. Associate, Community Research and Innovation, Inclusive Action for the City, Los Angeles, CA (2022 – 2025)

- Conducted policy research on financial system, street vending, and immigrants & informal workers' rights
- Directed participatory action research on workers' justice and community ownership of real estate
- Guided technical tool development for multi-stakeholder implementation projects like the LA County Land Bank
- Developed, drafted, and curated content for community ownership and stewardship online resource hub

Geospatial and Data Visualization Analyst, Othering and Belonging Institute, Berkeley, CA

(2021 - 2022)

- Led a research team to analyze the impacts of restrictive residential zoning in California
- Developed and carried out research protocol to compile & standardize zoning code across municipalities
- Updated and created visualizations for national racial segregation analysis with 2020 Census data

Associate Researcher, International Council on Clean Transportation, San Francisco, CA

(2020 - 2021)

- Spearheaded the incorporation of racial equity into electric mobility studies at the organization
- Led and collaborated with state and city officials on electric vehicle charging infrastructure planning
- Advised cities' climate and transportation planning as a member of technical advisory groups

Research Assistant, Schatz Energy Research Center, Arcata, CA

(2018 - 2020)

- Analyzed large datasets and effectively communicated results to support international energy access policy
- Reviewed, synthesized, and drafted reports and memos to partner organizations and government agencies
- Developed an electric bus charging infrastructure optimization model for local transit agencies

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Environmental Systems
Energy, Technology, and Policy Program
Humboldt State University (2019 with distinction)

Bachelor of Science in Biological Science

Minor in Kinesiology

California State University Fullerton (2016 Cum Laude)

SKILLS

- Technical & narrative writing
- Public speaking
- Project management
- Team management & collaboration
- Stakeholder engagement

- Policy review, research, synthesis & analysis
- Survey design & implementation
- Data science (collection, analysis, visualization)
- R, Shinny, ArcMap, QGIS, PostgreSQL, Adobe CS
- Geospatial analysis, modeling, interactive mapping
- Squarespace, WordPress

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Founder, Los Angeles Tool Library, Los Angeles, CA	(2025 – current)
Volunteer, Los Angeles Chinatown Community Land Trust, Chinatown, Los Angeles, CA	(2022 – current)
Volunteer Bike Mechanic, Bike Oven, Cypress Park, Los Angeles, CA	(2022 - 2024)
Graduate Student Director, Sponsored Programs Foundation Board of Directors, Arcata, CA	(2018 - 2019)
Committee Member, Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee, Arcata, CA	(2017 – 2019)

AWARDS, HONORS, CERTIFICATES & PUBLICATIONS

Next City Vanguard 2024 Cohort, gathering of rising urban leaders	2024
Urban Land Institute Los Angeles REACH Fellowship	2024
"Under the Palms: Unearthing the Experiences of Los Angeles Landscapers" – IAC	2023
Placemaking: Making it Happen Certificate of Completion – Project for Public Spaces	2022
"Exclusionary Zoning and Community Resources in Greater Los Angeles" – OBI	2022
"Single-Family Zoning in Greater Los Angeles" – OBI	2022
"Electric ride-hailing charging infrastructure: Needs assessment and equitable siting in Houston" – ICCT	2021
"Public electric vehicle charger access disparities across race and income in California" – Transport Policy	2021
"City charging infrastructure needs to reach electric vehicle goals: The case of Seattle" – ICCT	2021