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At once vulnerable and inviolate, a disappearing architectural species and the most protected building type in the city, the single-family house continues to play an outsized role in debates over architecture, planning and growth in Los Angeles.

Can the suburban house-and-garden model that has helped define Los Angeles for nearly a century -- and given architects a place to try out their most innovative design experiments -- be updated and improved to make it relevant to a denser region? Or is the single-family neighborhood destined to be preserved in amber, a once-important product of the L.A. growth machine now no more than a relic? With architect Barbara Bestor, MAK Center Director Kimberli Meyer and others.

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