Gabor Lorant, FAIA
The recipient of Fulbright grants from 1999 through 2005, Gabor taught western building design and construction processes to international students at the Technical University of Budapest. His expertise with hazard mitigation led to recognition throughout the United States and Europe. Granted an honorary doctorate in 2004, his teaching embodied the opportunity and freedom that is offered in the United States. In 1956 he was forced to flee Hungary for the United States after playing a significant role as a Freedom Fighter in the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. He settled in Phoenix, Arizona in 1957, establishing his architecture firm, Gabor Lorant Architect Inc. in 1963.

Under his direction for its first 30 years, the firm designed and built projects in 32 states and three countries, receiving numerous awards for design and construction excellence. Gabor was individually honored with Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects and received the Arizona Architects Medal, having served his profession at the local, regional, national and international levels. He also contributed in many ways to the quality of life in his community, serving as the Chairman of the Phoenix Environmental Commission, the Co-Chair of the Phoenix Mountain Preservation Committee, Chairman of Building Performance Center of the American Institute of Architects, as the President of the Urban League Development Company, and as a Member of the Board of Directors for the American Institute of Architects, the Valley Christian Centers, the Arizona Roadside Council, CODAMA, Phoenix Urban League and Phoenix O.I.C.

Gabor is survived by his spouse of 45 years, Mona Lorant, his daughter, Katarina Vance, his sons, Timot Lorant and Jan Lorant, and his grandchildren, Audrianna Vance and William Lorant.

Gabor Lorant, 75, of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away April 24, 2005 while in Budapest, Hungary.