Completed in 1977, the new Compton City Hall and Civic Center included a city hall, post office, police department, library, and courthouse. The modern redesign of Compton City Hall and Civic Center by architect Harold L. Williams (pictured above) symbolized a new era for Compton’s community and building design. Harold L. Williams was a prolific architect who apprenticed under pioneering Black architect Paul R. Williams. In Compton, Williams envisioned a welcoming and distinguished space for residents. City Hall consists of floor-to-ceiling glass panels and vertical fin-link columns that offer shade. A focal point of the plaza is a large sculpture created by artist Gerald Gladstone in collaboration with Harold Williams. The sculpture represents a mountain and honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Nearly fifty years later, Compton City Hall and Civic Center continue to serve as an important place for various community gatherings and activities.

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