

ASSOCIATE RESUMÉ



PROFESSION

Benjamin Chuaqui

Architect



- Architect, Licensed in the State of California
- LEED Accredited Professional

EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley; Master of Architecture
- University of California, Berkeley; Master of City and Regional Planning
- University of California, Santa Cruz, Bachelor of Arts, Music (piano)

FIRM RESPONSIBILITIES

As a project architect at VMWP since 2002, Ben has managed the design and construction of multiple housing projects. These projects include affordable, market rate as well as special needs housing, ranging in size between 19 and 116 units. Completed projects include a 70 unit family housing project in Santa Rosa, a 19 unit special needs project in Oakland, the LEED gold rated House of Formation Convent for the Sisters of Saint Dominic in San Rafael, CA. and a 63 unit family housing development in Pittsburg CA. Currently Ben is managing the entitlement process for a 900 unit mixed use infill project in Milpitas CA as well as a special needs and family housing project in El Cerrito CA. Prior experience includes 8 years of commercial and institutional architectural work as well as professional experience in city planning.

PERSONAL PROFILE

With a bi-cultural background (Chilean-American) and a diverse educational, work and architectural project experience, Ben has been active in the social and technical aspects of housing. As a design professional, Ben's academic interests in the social aspects of housing as well as the more technical and idiosyncratic aspects of wood construction have influenced his work in the office.

PUBLICATIONS

- La Arquitectura de la Madera en los Estados Unidos (Wood Architecture in the United States) ARQ Escuela de arquitectura de la Universidad Catolica de Chile
- Work cited "the Adoption of the Bathroom in the Working Class Dwelling: the case of Jingletown" in Paul Groth "Worker's Cottages in Oakland, California: Alternatives to Middle Class Domesticity" Vernacular Architecture Forum
- Shaken Awake! Estimates of Uninhabitable Dwelling Units and Peak Shelter Populations in Future Earthquakes affecting the San Francisco Bay Region, ABAG 1996 Co-author with Jeane Perkins

EXHIBITIONS

Scattered Houses Little Haiti Competition, Selected for exhibit, Miami, FL

AWARDS

- Gold Nugget, Award of Merit - Affordable Housing, Arroyo Point Family Housing, 2008.
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- Saint Vincent's Competition, Honorary Mention, San Rafael, CA.