

PARTNER RESUMÉ

PROFESSION

Rick Williams

Architect / Urban Designer

Architect, Licensed in the State of California



EDUCATION

- University of Calif., Berkeley; Master of Architecture, 1990
- University of Calif., Berkeley; Master of Planning - Urban Design, 1990
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA; B.S. Arch., 1982

PERSONAL PROFILE

A partner and founder of Van Meter Williams Pollack, Rick Williams is a leader in urban design and transit-oriented development. With a background in both planning and architecture, Rick focuses on planning and urban design projects involving mixed-use, transit oriented community plans and architectural design. His architectural work ranges from residential to mixed-use neighborhoods, urban infill, multifamily affordable and workforce housing throughout the Bay Area. Rick's understanding of building types and the public realm informs urban design projects that benefit from realistic implementation strategies, development regulations and design guidelines. His urban design efforts include national and west coast TOD and infill plans. His diverse experience also includes commercial and institutional projects.

Rick has worked extensively with public agencies, cities, nonprofit organizations, and diverse and disenfranchised communities. He is adept at negotiating the regulatory framework and writing innovative codes and guidelines to articulate the design parameters for mixed-use, pedestrian and transit-oriented development. Rick's primary focus is the implementation of complex, visionary design projects whose success depends on high quality design, strong community involvement, unique financing and public-private development partnerships. Rick also continues to lead efforts on a variety of affordable housing developments within a wide number of communities in the Bay Area. Rick has lectured extensively on issues of contemporary urban planning, and his urban design projects have been published in books and leading design and planning journals.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Lofty Ambitions" Professional Builder, *August 2001*
- "Next Generation, New Urbanist" - Architectural Record, *1997*
- "The Architecture of Community"-The New Urbanism
- "Density Perception"- Berkeley Planning Journal, *Vol. 5 1990*

EXHIBITIONS

- Transit Oriented Housing Symposium, San Francisco, CA
- Emerging Designs for Transit Based Communities, Los Angeles, CA
- Bronx Museum of the Arts, Affordable Housing Competition, Bronx, NY

LECTURES

- Implementing a TOD Vision, Bainbridge Is. WA.; Northwest APA, 2007
- Vision to Reality; North Bay Smart Growth Symposium, 2006
- Railvolution: TOD Regulations and Design Guidelines; Chicago, Dallas
- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU); Portland