

## PARTNER RESUMÉ



### PROFESSION

- Architect, Licensed in the State of California # C28297
- 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)

### PERSONAL PROFILE

Ben joined VMWP in 2002 and became an Associate of the firm in 2009. He holds master degrees in both Architecture and in City Planning from UC Berkeley. Prior to attending graduate school, Ben was an accomplished classical pianist, earning an undergraduate degree in Music. Ben has been involved with all phases of the design and construction process, and his interest as a designer is focused on not just creating good buildings but creating good spaces around the buildings. Being both bicultural and bilingual (Chilean-American), Ben brings multiple perspectives to each architectural project. As a design professional, Ben's interests in the social landscape as well as the more technical and idiosyncratic aspects of wood construction have influenced his work.

### AWARDS

- Governor's Historic Preservation Awards; Hana Gardens, 2019
- Walnut Creek Action for Beauty Award; Arboleda, 2015
- ABAG Growing Smarter Together Award; Jack Capon Villa, 2011
- Gold Nugget, Award of Merit; Jack Capon Villa, 2011
- Gold Nugget, Award of Merit; Arroyo Point Family Housing, 2008.
- CA Dept. Health Services, Richmond California AIA Citation Award 2008, Architectural Record March 2007

### VMWP PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Hana Gardens, El Cerrito, CA - *affordable, historic, mixed-use senior housing*
- Ohlone Gardens, El Cerrito, CA - *affordable, mixed-use housing*
- Westbourne Park Warm Springs TOD, Fremont, CA - *mixed-income, mixed-use housing*
- 180 Jones, San Francisco, CA - *affordable, supportive housing, LBC lead*
- 4840 Mission St., San Francisco, CA - *affordable, mixed-use housing*
- Arboleda, Walnut Creek, CA - *affordable, mixed-use, senior housing*
- Jack Capon Villa, Alameda, CA - *affordable, special needs supportive housing*
- Jennings Avenue Housing, Santa Rosa, CA - *affordable renovation*
- Dominican Sisters House of Formation, San Rafael CA - *institutional*
- Eastmont Court, Oakland CA - *affordable, special needs supportive housing*

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Chair of Design Review Board and Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Department Commission of El Cerrito



# Benjamin Chuaqui

Architect

## PUBLICATIONS

- California Department of Health Services, Richmond California, Architectural Record March 2007
- Multiple publications on the effects of earthquake on housing and transportation through ABAG.
- 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

## EXHIBITIONS

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

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH & FUN

- Chair of Design Review Board and Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Department Commission of El Cerrito
- United States Tennis Association level 4.0 tennis player

## PRESENTATIONS

- "Multifamily Construction Assemblies" AIASF Lunch Time Forum