

## SENIOR PARTNER RESUMÉ

# Karen Murray

Architect / Urban Designer



### PROFESSION

- Architect, Licensed in the State of California, #C27052
- NCARB Certified
- LEED Green Associate

### EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley; Master of Urban Design, 1999
- Virginia Polytechnic and State University; Bachelor of Architecture, 1991

### FIRM RESPONSIBILITIES

As a partner at Van Meter Williams Pollack, Karen provides firmwide leadership and direction for projects ranging in scale from the neighborhood to the individual building. Her unique blend of architecture and urban design skills allows her to act as a bridge between the two disciplines, providing implementable design solutions, feasibility studies and prototypical building design for many of the firm's projects.

### PERSONAL PROFILE

Karen is the partner in charge for 180 Jones in SF's Tenderloin neighborhood, with 70 studios for a mixed of incomes, including formerly homeless individuals. Karen is also leading Balboa Building E, the first affordable project at the Balboa Reservoir, and Sunnydale Block 9, 100 family apartments at the Sunnydale Hope SF neighborhood. Both of these architectural efforts are located in neighborhoods where Karen led the masterplan team through the community process and entitlements.

Ms. Murray's previous experience involves both institutional and private projects in Washington, DC including the National Children's Center, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, lab and classroom buildings for the University of Maryland and Virginia Tech and a variety of office and residential projects. Preservation and adaptive reuse projects include Henrico County Cultural Arts Center, a turn of the century elementary school conversion and Eastern Market, preservation and documentation of the last open-air farmers market in Washington, DC.

### SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- 180 Jones, San Francisco, CA - *affordable housing*
- Balboa Building E, San Francisco, CA - *affordable housing*
- Sunnydale Block 9, San Francisco, CA - *affordable housing*
- Balboa Reservoir, San Francisco, CA - *master plan, mixed-income, teacher housing*
- Sunnydale Hope SF, San Francisco, CA - *master plan, mixed-use/income housing*
- 2175 Market, San Francisco, CA - *mixed-use, mixed-income housing*
- Fairfax Victory Village, Fairfax, CA - *affordable senior housing*
- Ashby and North Berkeley BART Zoning, Berkeley, CA - *community process, zoning regulations and development parameters*
- 98th Avenue/San Leandro, Oakland, CA - *master plan, mixed-use*

### RECENT LECTURES AND ENGAGEMENT

- 'Small Scale Multifamily Development in San Francisco', San Francisco SPUR 2020
- 'SPUR's Regional Strategy Initiative', contributor, SPUR 2019
- 'Opportunity Housing in San Jose', San Jose SPUR 2019
- Cal Poly San Francisco Urban Studio 2021, guest critic 2018-present
- SF HAC - Regulatory Committee 2016-present