# **HMC News Release**

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# **Beverly Prior Architects Joins HMC Architects**

Expands presence in California while enhancing education, civic, and justice market reach

# **HMC**Architects

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6, 2011 — HMC Architects, a California-based planning and design firm, announced today that Beverly Prior Architects of San Francisco has joined the firm. Beverly Prior Architects will become HMC+Beverly Prior Architects and will continue to serve clients from their current San Francisco office.

"HMC has been planning for an office in San Francisco for the past few years. After getting to know Beverly over the past year and learning she shares a similar vision, culture of collaboration and client-focused service, it became clear this was just a natural fit for everyone," said HMC's President and CEO Randy Peterson, FAIA, LEED® AP, NCARB. "Over the past 25 years, Beverly has built an exceptional reputation within the architecture profession. We look forward to her being a key leader for our future."

The merger enhances both companies' geographic reach, while strengthening positions in multiple market segments. HMC Architects' prominence in Pre-K–12 and community college markets will enhance Beverly Prior Architects' education markets in addition to offering additional expertise in healthcare, interior architecture and specialty education consulting services. Beverly Prior Architects' award-winning staff and design excellence will strengthen HMC's presence in Northern California and their expertise in their justice and civic market sectors firm wide.

"The merger with Beverly Prior Architects aligns with HMC's vision to expand services in Northern California, while broadening our expertise," says Ric Mangum, AIA, Regional Managing Principal of HMC Architects in Northern California. "Their experience in education and justice markets complements HMC's portfolio and provides a foundation for continued growth in those areas."

Beverly Prior, FAIA, LEED AP, NCARB will be principal in charge and will serve in a corporate leadership role as the firm's practice leader for its justice market; Cheryl Lentini, LEED® AP, NCARB will become the San Francisco office's managing principal. "By joining HMC Architects, we become part of a vibrant, growing design firm," said Prior. "We're excited to bring a new depth of services and resources to our existing clients while strategically expanding our presence and paving the way to serve new clients."

Significant Beverly Prior Architects projects include:

# JUSTICE

Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center, San Leandro (LEED Gold) San Francisco Jail No. 3 Bridging Architect, San Bruno Auburn Justice Center, Placer County

# CIVIC

Windsor Fire Station (LEED Gold) Long Beach Fire Station No. 12 (in construction) Los Banos Community Center Angeles National Forest Supervisors Office Complex (in design)

#### PRE-K-12

ACORN Woodland and Encompass Academy Elementary Schools, Oakland Unified School District Chabot Elementary School, Oakland Unified School District Gompers and Leadership Public Schools new high schools, Richmond, CA (in design)

#### COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Laney College Art Building, Peralta Community College District Arts Building Renovation, San Mateo College Colusa Outreach Center for the Woodland Community College, Yuba Community College District

#### **About Beverly Prior Architects**

Beverly Prior Architects offers planning and architectural services for civic, justice, K-12, and higher education projects, especially for those in which the buy-in of multiple stakeholders including public agencies and the community is essential to the project's success. Their strategies and designs emerge through skilled facilitation and collaboration between citizens, government, and the design and construction team.

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With an established reputation as an award-winning design firm and thought leader for healthcare, education, and institutional facilities, HMC Architects is one of the most prominent California-based planning and design firms engaged in projects around the world. With a mission to create high-performance architecture, the firm is focused on creating facilities that have a positive impact on the physical environment, while promoting human health and quality of life. To learn more about HMC Architects or to

arrange interviews with the firm's leadership, please contact Nick Bryan at (800) 350-9979, or <u>nick.bryan@hmcarchitects.com</u>.

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