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HMC Architects Announces Beverly J. Prior, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C as President



San Francisco, Calif.—June 10, 2013: HMC Architects is pleased to announce the appointment of Beverly J. Prior, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C, to president of the 330-person firm. As president Prior will be responsible for the growth, strategy and development of the core practices at HMC. She will operate in a dual leadership structure alongside the firm's CEO, Brian Staton. Staton will continue to be responsible for the business operations and management of the firm.

With more than 30 years of experience, Prior brings to the position leadership experience that is rooted in developing a unified vision, team building and driving toward excellence. In 1986, she founded Beverly Prior Architects, a nationally renowned architectural firm that was consistently listed in the top 100 woman-owned businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area. During her tenure she led the design of numerous award-winning and groundbreaking projects, including the Oakland Unified School District's New ACORN Woodland and EnCompass Academy Elementary Schools; City of Los Banos Community Center; and the County of Alameda's New Juvenile Justice Complex, which was the first LEED Gold-certified juvenile justice facility in the nation. In 2009, Prior's achievements as an architect, entrepreneur and contributor to the profession earned her election into the AIA's College of Fellows; and her contributions to the profession continued as she served on the National AIA Board of Directors from 2011-2012. Prior served as president of Beverly Prior Architects for 25 years until 2011 when the firm merged with HMC Architects.

Since joining HMC, Prior has been a visible leader within the firm, serving as the civic/justice practice leader and chair of the firm's Practice Forum, which oversees the four core practices of civic/justice, healthcare, higher education and K-12 across nine offices. She is a proven collaborative leader and has built a national reputation in partnering with clients in the strategic planning and design of educational, civic and justice facilities. Prior and her team are continually recognized as innovators in sustainable justice—in May 2013, HMC received an AIA Academy of Architecture for Justice honor award for the San Diego County Women's Detention Facility.

“Today’s complex business environment requires a new leadership model. At HMC we are reassessing our value proposition to clients as well as the way we produce work internally,” said Brian Staton, CEO of HMC. “It takes a high level of focus to drive our firm in the right direction and to raise the caliber of our service to clients. To best accomplish both, we’ve split the role of president and CEO to delineate between growing the business and producing the work. Beverly Prior brings the strategic skillset needed to lead the firm as president. As president, she will continue to be actively engaged in the practice of architecture to stay relevant and make informed choices about the firm’s direction.”

Beverly Prior, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C, president of HMC, commented, “It is an exciting time to be an architect. Advances in technology, greater partnering opportunities with clients and builders, and an uncertain economy are factors that are reshaping the A/E/C industry and presenting new challenges to firms. I have never been one to shy away from challenges, and I believe now is the time to position HMC to thrive in this new business climate. As president I will focus on our market strategies and outcomes, as well as on creating a unified vision that builds the firm’s culture. I look forward to listening, adapting and innovating while building from the strength of HMC’s long history as a client-focused design firm.”

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HMC’s work is driven by the belief that design can change the world. Since 1940, the firm has worked with education, healthcare, corporate and institutional clients to create architecture and interior design that is inviting, environmentally sustainable and human-focused. Our work begins from the standpoint that a smart solution results most reliably from a smart process, and that a project created *with* clients rather than *for* them stands a better chance of benefiting everyone involved in its implementation. We invite you to become part of our continuing conversation at www.hmcarchitects.com.

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QUICK FACTS

- / Core Markets: Healthcare, K-12 Education, Higher Education, Civic/Justice
- / Founded in 1940 in Ontario, Calif.
- / 9 Office Locations, 3 States
- / 44 LEED Registered/Certified Projects
- / 70 Design Awards in Last 5 Years
- / 330 Employees
- / 95 Licensed Architects
- / 103 LEED Accredited Professionals
- / 100% Employee Owned
- / 936 Current, Active Projects
- / Ranked No. 24 Architecture Firm in the U.S. (revenue) by Architectural Record Magazine
- / Beverly Prior Architects merged with HMC Architects in 2011
- / Beverly Prior was elected to the College of Fellows by the American Institute of Architects in 2009

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Beverly J. Prior, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C

// San Francisco, California



➤ President, HMC Architects

Beverly J. Prior, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C is president of HMC Architects, a 330-person architectural firm specializing in the design of civic/justice, healthcare, higher education and K–12 facilities. In her 30 years of professional practice, Prior has focused on justice and educational projects. Utilizing the power of collaborative leadership, she has developed groundbreaking local and national American Institute of Architects (AIA) initiatives, built a renowned architectural practice and engaged stakeholders in creating community-enhancing environments. A key to Prior's success is developing solutions that achieve community buy-in, that are fundable and that support the design process. She brings stakeholder goals and concerns to light and facilitates solutions that address those goals and concerns. As a result, innovative and groundbreaking solutions grow out of her leadership.

In 1986, she founded Beverly Prior Architects, an architectural firm that built a national reputation and that was consistently listed in the top 100 woman-owned businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area. The firm offered planning and architectural services for civic, justice, K–12 and higher education projects. Prior led the design of numerous award-winning and pioneering projects, including the Oakland Unified School District New ACORN Woodland and EnCompass Academy Elementary Schools; City of Los Banos Community Center; and the County of Alameda New Juvenile Justice Complex, which was the first LEED Gold certified Juvenile Justice facility in the nation. She served as president of Beverly Prior Architects until 2011 when the firm merged with HMC.

Since joining HMC, Prior has been a visible leader within the firm, serving as the civic/justice practice leader and chair of the firm's Practice Forum, which oversees the four core practices of civic/justice, healthcare, higher education and K–12 across nine offices. She is a proven collaborative leader and has built a national reputation in partnering with clients in the strategic planning and design of civic and justice facilities. Prior and her team are continually recognized as

innovators in sustainable justice—in May 2013, HMC received an AIA Academy of Architecture for Justice (AAJ) honor award for the San Diego County Women's Detention Facility, a 1,216 bed facility that will support rehabilitative opportunities of inmates. Prior's recent work includes providing services on three county projects that are repurposing existing commercial buildings into essential services sheriff facilities. While in her role as president Prior will be responsible for the growth, strategy and development of the core practices at HMC; she remains engaged in the practice of architecture.

Prior is well known among her peers and client base for sustainable justice and leadership in strategic planning. In 2009, her achievements as an architect and her contributions to the profession earned her election into the AIA's College of Fellows. She served on the AIA's National Board of Directors from 2011-2012, and served for five years on the AIA's AAJ Advisory Group, during which she co-founded the Sustainable Justice Committee. As an advocate for the justice system's role in contributing to the viability of our society, Prior has presented and moderated panels at several conferences on topics such as "Should Juvenile Facilities Be Green?" (2006), "The Courthouse's Role in Creating a Vibrant Downtown" (2007), "Design Build/Design Excellence in Juvenile Justice" (2008), "Sustainable Justice Work Sessions" (2009), "Sustainable Justice: Designing a Green System" (2010), and "Sustainable Justice: An Evolving System" (2011). In addition to presenting on the topic of sustainable justice, Prior has published numerous white papers and serves on *Correctional News'* editorial board.

Prior is a registered architect in the State of California and received a Master of Architecture from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from San Francisco State University. She is a fellow of the AIA and a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professional and has earned the designation of LEED AP BD+C.

County of Alameda

New Juvenile Justice Complex

// San Leandro, California

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> Juvenile Detention

Realizing a whole new approach to providing juvenile justice services in the County of Alameda was paramount in the 10+ years Beverly Prior Architects worked with the County on its juvenile complex needs assessment, site feasibility study, value engineering, site selection options, and, ultimately, the design for a new juvenile justice complex. The project is the first LEED Gold certified juvenile justice facility in the nation. The new facility consists of three areas: a 196,000 SF

residential building; a 71,000 SF support building with classrooms, counseling rooms and administration offices; and a 122,000 SF courts building with offices for the Public Defender and District Attorney. Beverly Prior Architects was the associate architect on the design-build team of Hensel Phelps and HOK.



FACTS

379,000 square feet

\$140 million

Completed 2007

Design-build

LEED Gold

“This project demonstrates to our region that local government can utilize green building to address climate change in a meaningful way.”

Keith Carson, Alameda County Supervisor

County of Placer

New Auburn Justice Center

// Auburn, California

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➤ Law Enforcement

A key challenge in collaboration was combining various departments that were previously housed in ten dispersed buildings into one facility that creates a sense of community, facilitates communication and maximizes shared resources. The solution was an open, two-story, back-of-house staff circulation spine that supports orientation within the building and provides opportunities for interaction among the many departments. The glass and translucent-panel system also

provides a visual connection to the outdoor staff courtyard. The need to create a secure facility that accommodates the needs of both visitors and staff led to an approach of a two-lobby design, creating separate spaces for different users.



FACTS

74,000 square feet

\$27 million

Completed 2007

"This is a very exciting time for us, finally seeing a facility worthy of our great employees. There is excitement in the air. Our new offices will provide a sense of continuity and take us into the future."

Sheriff Edward Bonner, Placer County Sheriff Department

City of Los Banos

Los Banos Community Center

// Los Banos, California

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> Civic / Community

The City of Los Banos engaged HMC+Beverly Prior Architects to design a new 34,400-SF multi-generational community center to serve the residents of Los Banos. The program was developed through a series of meetings with the Community Center Task Force and the City Council and was informed by a tour of similar community centers serving similar valley communities. The Joint Council/Citizen task force identified specific needs for all generations including the aging community and youth.

Located adjacent to the existing Henry Miller Plaza, the community center complements the park's outdoor amenities with additional community gathering

space. It creates a central location where cultural arts, recreation, education and civic gathering spaces can flourish. Comprised of four buildings and a central courtyard, the community center features a Grand Room that accommodates over 470 for dining and 360 for assembly. A separate building houses a multi-purpose room with full gymnasium and bleacher seating. A third building houses administrative offices, a senior lounge, fitness studio, game room, and arts and crafts center. The full-block site has an exterior barbecue patio, a covered walkway between the buildings and parking lot with drop-off area.



FACTS

34,400 square feet

\$12.5 million

Completed 2010

Watch the Los Banos Community Center project video >>



"I believe the test of how good a project is comes after living with it and the new wears off. When I walk around the facility today and watch the community and how they're using it, I love it as much today as the day it opened! Thanks to you and your staff for a project that has exceeded our expectations."

Steve Rath, City Manager, City of Los Banos

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

New Child Development Center

// Livermore, California

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> Community College

With bond funding in place, the Child Development Program at Las Positas College faced an exciting opportunity to create a new, dedicated building with teaching laboratory classrooms for infants and toddlers, something the program had never had before. The faculty's goal was to create a model program that met all of the highest standards for education of the college students and the development of the children in the center. The administration's goal was a LEED Silver building

that worked within the designated budget. The design team led the programming and design concept efforts by bringing together the faculty, administration and project team into multi-day charrettes in which the vision was created, while mediating budget and funding issues.



FACTS

22,240 square feet

\$13.8 million

Completed 2010

LEED Silver

Oakland Unified School District

New ACORN Woodland and EnCompass Academy Elementary Schools

// Oakland, California



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➤ K-12 Education

Creating two new small autonomous elementary schools on one site in an underserved, economically challenged community in Oakland required extensive outreach to parents, neighbors, teachers and community organizations, so Beverly Prior Architects facilitated workshops to define the ideal community school, to brainstorm the ideal teaching environment and to seek input on siting and the design approach. Results included the District's commitment to provide shared studio classrooms to support special ongoing projects

without impacting regular class activities. The design team led the community outreach that included involvement from District personnel, community organizations, students and faculty. This project is the recipient of a 2007 Architectural Jury Citation, American Association of School Administrators, a 2007 C.A.S.H./AIACC Leroy F. Greene Award of Merit in the New Built category, and a 2007 National School Board Association Exhibition of School Architecture Jury Citation.



FACTS

84,500 square feet

\$18.8 million

Completed 2006