

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founded 2008 The Office of Tom Ford, Oakland, CA
Principal

The Office of Tom Ford provides urban design and land use planning services, including project management, plan preparation, and graphic content. The work is particularly focused on community engagement as a strategic component of the planning process. Recent projects include:

- **BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN** for the Municipal Board of Bandar Seri Begawan, Nation of Brunei. Under an accelerated schedule in the summer of 2010, OoTF is working as a subconsultant to the Hong Kong office of the global architectural firm HOK to develop a set of Design Guidelines and Development Standards for the new capital city in Brunei. The Master Plan outlines a city of distinct precincts or villages and the Guidelines will implement development that distinguishes those districts from each other and implements a set of Ecological Performance Standards developed for the Plan Area early in the planning process.
- **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC FACILITIES STUDY** for the University of California, Berkeley. OoTF completed a projected development program for U.C. Berkeley's Alumni Association facilities and developed a set of future development scenarios based on the organization's projected growth. Working with U.C. staff and Alumni Association management, OoTF developed a preferred scenario, which will be used by the Alumni Association and the University for fundraising purposes to implement a building program.

1999 – 2008 Design, Community & Environment, Berkeley, CA
Principal

Principal-in-charge and Project Manager for urban design and planning projects. Representative projects and clients include:

- **SMART GROWTH DESIGN GUIDELINES** for the San Diego Association of Governments
- **EL CAMINO REAL/DOWNTOWN VISION PLAN** for the City of Menlo Park
- **SACRAMENTO RAILYARDS SPECIFIC PLAN** for Thomas Enterprises
- **DOWNTOWN STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN AND EIR** for the City of Santa Rosa
- **SOUTHWEST CHICO NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN** for the City of Chico
- **VISION PLAN** for the City of Coachella

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- CALIFORNIA AVENUE MASTER PLAN for the Fresno Housing Authority
- GENERAL PLAN COMMUNITY DESIGN ELEMENT for the City of Santa Cruz
- DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND DESIGN GUIDELINES for the City of Livermore
- NORTH BURLINGAME/ROLLINS ROAD SPECIFIC PLAN for the City of Burlingame
- IRVINGTON CONCEPT PLAN for the City of Fremont
- ADAMS POINT URBAN DESIGN PLAN for the City of Oakland
- FAIRMOUNT AVENUE STREETScape MASTER PLAN for the City of El Cerrito
- RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES for the Town of Hillsborough
- OCEAN STREET AREA PLAN for the City of Santa Cruz
- BRISA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN for the City of Livermore

1994 – 1999

**Calthorpe Associates, Berkeley, CA
Urban Designer**

Responsible for development plans for walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods for projects in the United States and abroad; production of planning and design guideline graphics for reports and Specific Plans; preparation of the full range of typical drawings, from site analysis drawings for stakeholder workshops to colored illustrations.

1993

**Taisei Corporation, Tokyo, Japan
Intern Architect**

Observed and worked in the Japanese system of design-build construction. Produced schematic designs for the renovation of a 300-seat auditorium at Shinjuku Station.

1993 – 1995

**Industrial Light and Magic, San Rafael, CA
Set Designer**

Liaison between Art Director and Construction Foreman; responsible for drawing scenery construction drawings for theatrical sets. Produced a graphics package for a multi-scenario strategy for future development of the media production facilities.

1990 – 1993

**Urban Construction Laboratory, Berkeley, CA
Graduate Student Researcher**

Prepared papers, drawings, and other materials for the Urban Construction Laboratory, which studies both new and continuing forms of infrastructure and related technology and design issues. Provided logistical support for the Laboratory's studies and tours of large urban development projects in North America and Europe, in coordination with the GC-5, a consortium of large, Japanese design-build companies.

- 1990** **Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, San Francisco, CA**
Urban Designer
Produced drawings, models, and planning documents for urban design and planning products. Representative projects included Mission Bay; Campus Master Plan, campus District Precinct Plans for UC Davis; and, landscape and road alignment studies for UC Berkeley's century-old Central Glade.
- 1986 – 1988** **Intersection for the Arts, San Francisco, CA**
Program Director
Curator and producer of performances at one of San Francisco's oldest contemporary, multi-disciplinary art centers.

EDUCATION

- MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE, University of California, Berkeley.**
American Institute of Architects Scholarship.
- BACHELOR OF ARTS, DRAMATIC ART, University of California, Davis.**
Chancellor's Undergraduate Achievement Award.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **CALTRANS DISTRICT 4 PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Member.
- **THE CONGRESS FOR THE NEW URBANISM**, Charter Signatory and Member.
- **NATIONAL CHARRETTE INSTITUTE**, Certified Charrette Planner.
- **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PLANNERS**, Member.
- **CALIFORNIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION**, Member.
- **GREENBELT ALLIANCE**, Compact Development Committee, Member.
- **NEW URBANISM DIVISION, AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION**, Member.
- **URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION, AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION**, Member.
- **ACTORS EQUITY ASSOCIATION**, Member (inactive).

PANELS AND SPEAKING

- **PARKING STRATEGIES FOR A TRANSIT-ORIENTED DOWNTOWN**, Panelist, California Downtown Association, 2008.
- **SACRAMENTO RAILYARDS: LESSONS IN REDEVELOPMENT**, Panelist, American Planning Association, California Chapter Conference, 2008.
- **GETTING ORIENTED IN TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**, Moderator, American Planning Association, California Chapter Conference, 2007.

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- **A CHARRETTE NOT A CHARADE**, Panelist, American Planning Association, California Chapter Conference, 2007.
- **TRANSFORMING THE FABRIC TO URBAN**, American Planning Association, California Chapter Conference, 2007.
- **CAN BURLINGAME BE EVEN BETTER?**, Presenter, Citizens for a Better Burlingame, 2004.
- **OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO MULTIMODAL STREET DESIGN**, Panelist, American Planning Association, National Conference, 2003.

TEACHING

- *Lecturer, University of California, Davis.* Department of Environmental Design, Field Studio in Landscape Architecture. 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Regional City: Planning for the End of Sprawl*, by Peter Calthorpe and William Fulton. Contributed drawings.
- *Great Streets*, by Allan B. Jacobs. Contributed drawings.
- *Urban Revisions*, edited by Russell Ferguson. Contributed drawings.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION 1ST PLACE AWARD FOR BEST PRACTICES.** 2010. *Designing for Smart Growth for the San Diego Association of Governments.* DC&E Urban Design Principal and Project Manager.
- **SACRAMENTO VALLEY SECTION AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION 1ST PLACE AWARD FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING.** 2009. *Southwest Chico Neighborhood Improvement Plan for the City of Chico.* DC&E Principal in Charge and Charrette Manager.
- **CALIFORNIA CHAPTER AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING.** 2008. *California Avenue Master Plan for the Fresno Housing Authority.* DC&E Principal in Charge.
- **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION MERIT AWARD FOR FOCUSED ISSUE PLANNING.** 2008. *Downtown Station Area Specific Plan and EIR for the City of Santa Rosa.* DC&E Principal in Charge.
- **SACRAMENTO VALLEY SECTION AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BY A LARGE JURISDICTION.** 2008. *Sacramento Railyards Specific Plan for Thomas Enterprises.* DC&E Principal in Charge and Project Manager.
- **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION BY A SMALL JURISDICTION.**

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2008. *23rd Street Specific Plan for the City of San Pablo*, DC&E Principal in Charge and Project Manager.

- **CALIFORNIA CHAPTER APA MERIT AWARD FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BY A SMALL JURISDICTION.** 2007. *Vision Plan for the City of Coachella*, DC&E Principal in Charge and Project Manager.
- **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION MERIT AWARD FOR FOCUSED ISSUE PLANNING.** 2005. *Residential Design Guidelines for the Town of Hillsborough*, DC&E Project Manager.
- **HONORABLE MENTION, VILLAGE CENTER DESIGN COMPETITION.** 1999. Channahon, Illinois.
- **TAISEI INTERNATIONAL FELLOW.** 1993. Taisei Corporation. Tokyo, Japan.