

## Firm Profile: Norman Sanchez Architecture and Design

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Norman Sanchez, AIA opened his Alameda architectural firm in 2003. He finds inspiration for his design from the beauty and grace of traditional architecture as well as from the rich architectural styles of his native land, Mexico, where the use of light, color and nature are central design elements.

The main focus of the firm is on single family residential and tenant improvement projects throughout the greater Bay Area and Southern California. Norman places a strong emphasis on resolving spatial and programmatic concerns voiced by the client to develop a cohesive and viable design solution while preserving or improving upon the existing aesthetic. An equally strong emphasis is placed on construction administration to ensure that the finished product manifests the design intent.

In a recent project in Los Feliz, California, a second story addition and an extensive remodel was completed for a growing family. The upper floor design included a master suite, two bedrooms with a shared bath, and a guest suite. On the lower floor, an existing bedroom was incorporated into the remodeled kitchen area to create a spacious family room with access to the garden.




Los Feliz Residence

At any given time, the firm also has several small to mid-sized projects. One such project involved clients in Los Altos who enjoy cooking and entertaining. In the home's original interior layout, the front door opened to a long hallway and the kitchen and living areas were completely disconnected from each other. To resolve these programmatic issues, a new more inviting front entrance was designed that opened onto the living room area, a wall separating the kitchen and dining room was removed to allow for casual interaction between the spaces, and the kitchen was re-designed with an open floor plan that provided ample light and storage.



Los Altos Residence

In another recent project, an existing residence in Orinda was completely remodeled for the speculative market. The central design objective was to update the home to create an elegant and sophisticated interior/exterior while maintaining the relaxed and peaceful mood inspired by the woody landscape and expansive vistas.

The office staff currently includes Justin Daniels and Sara Sanchez. Justin joined the firm in 2005 and has since taken over most of the in-house production. His work ethic and strong computer skills have made a significant impact especially since the firm's workload has dramatically increased. Sara joined the firm in 2006 to handle the accounting and business development. Sara recently launched the firm's website [www.nsarchitecture.com](http://www.nsarchitecture.com). We invite you to take a tour of the projects summarized above as well as other recently completed projects. 



Orinda Residence