



**BETSY YOST, AIA**  
PRINCIPAL

Betsy brings more than 30 years of experience to her role as Principal at Pyatok Architects, with a special interest in historic rehabilitation, senior housing and sustainable design. Under her leadership as Director of Pyatok's Sustainable Practice Committee and a Certified GreenPoint Rater, the firm is developing sustainability measures and metrics uniquely suited to affordable high-density residential development.

Betsy served as Principal-in-Charge on The Altheim Senior Housing project, an award-winning historic rehabilitation project in Oakland, which was recognized by the California Preservation Foundation in 2007. This project also allowed her to study how to maximize the design of very small senior housing units.

At a recent presentation at the Housing California conference, Betsy reviewed how the advent of sustainable building products and techniques has changed the design of affordable housing.

**REPRESENTATIVE  
PROJECTS**

**The Altheim (Phase I & II)** – Affordable senior housing; renovation of historic buildings and former assisted living facility to provide independent senior housing units on 6.2 acre site; GreenPoint Rated; 93 & 81 units. *(Oakland, CA)*

**The Orchards on Foothill** – Affordable senior housing; modern Arts and Crafts interpretation; outdoor courtyard; fruit “orchard” and planting beds; community rooms; 65 units. *(Oakland, CA)*

**Harrison Street Housing** – Affordable senior housing; Accessible and adaptable; “Aging in Place” features; community facilities; on-site services; 72 units. *(Oakland, CA)*

**St. Vincent's Day Home** – Renovation of childcare center expanded to accommodate 240 children; Four new classrooms in former mansion; Includes accessible features. *(Oakland, CA)*

**Vineyard Crossings** – Affordable family housing; large community center, childcare center, swimming pool; trellised gateways; bike path; 145 units. *(American Canyon, CA)*

**Oak Court** – Affordable family housing; Patios, balconies, tot lot, community center; below-grade parking garage; 53 units. *(Palo Alto, CA)*

**SPEAKING  
ENGAGEMENTS**

Housing California (2009) – Panel discussion about value engineering

Housing California (2008) – Panel discussion about sustainability and affordable housing

AIA East Bay Women in Architecture Forum (2006) – Altheim Senior Housing

**AFFILIATIONS**

*AIA East Bay, Historic Preservation Committee*

*Oakland Heritage Alliance*

*California Preservation Foundation*

*East Bay Housing Organization (EBHO)*