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Making Big Plans for 2022?

If you want to design a new house or maybe expand or revamp the one you already have, read on as we explain who we are, what we do, and why you should choose us to partner with you on your design project!

red O'Donnell is the wizard behind the curtain, so to speak. Juggling 45 jobs at a time is not unusual. But, it is also not too much to handle. Many happy client testimonials will say he completed their job timely, happily, and beyond what they imagined. What he has created in his business allows him to stand alongside architects and designers but provide a totally unique experience for his clients. Let's call him a Residential Building Designer and Permit Specialist. He's more than a draftsman. He can design. He knows space. He used to build, so he knows building inside and out. Contractors love him, as do tradespeople and engineers-he even is respected at the city and county level for his pragmatic, calm approach to navigating the permit process. Trained in 1985 as an architectural draftsman, he quickly learned there was a need for someone to be a step above "just a draftsman" and to be available to someone who couldn't afford to hire an architect. Over the past 35 years, honing that craft and filling that void has proven to be the right move for Fred. Even when he worked in construction building homes, or in the steel industry, he still kept his "side" business of construction drawings alive until 2006 when FIGO was formally established.



If you are about to take the plunge, whether it's a small bathroom remodel, an addition to an existing structure or designing a new house, there's nothing to fear. FIGO is more than equipped with all the expertise, answers and friendly, stress-busting smiles to get you through the entire process from concept to construction. A no obligation, complimentary, inhome consultation is part of FIGO's meet-and-greet! All of your questions answered by someone who knows the industry inside and out.∞



With over 1,100 completed projects since FIGO started, your job will be in experienced hands. Fred loves to work together with clients who have a vision for their project and he can hone what they want as opposed to designing based on just his own taste. This allows the clients to be a part of a one-on-one partnership in creating plans and be a part of the final product. Most clients don't even think they could be part of the process until they are invited! This is a different approach than most architects and designers and what sets Fred apart. This also keeps his job fresh, fun and interesting. Take a look at FIGOCD.com and see the volume and varied content that he and his clients have "co-designed". You bring an idea, no matter how small, and Fred will work with you to get it through the design and permit process, and ready to build.



Fred was born and raised in Sonoma. He still lives in town with Gillian, his wife of 25 years, where they raised their two children, Anika and Ivy. He and Gillian are currently co-designing and ready to build their own dream home ∞