

Without any hesitation, we would enthusiastically recommend Deborah Torres for the construction or remodel of any home. We purchased a home in Hermosa Beach in the spring of 2014 and were under a strict timeline to complete renovations by August of that year. At lightning speed, Deborah assessed the property in light of our requested modifications, drew meticulous plans and secured contractors, subcontractors and required permits. There wasn't a single detail that didn't involve her attention, expertise, coordination or oversight. She also recommended vendors and participated in shopping excursions for everything ranging from hardware to paint, wallpaper and even toilets.

Updates via phone or email were both common place and reassuring. Troubleshooting the inevitable issues that arise during renovation were quickly handled by Deborah's easy accessibility to the South Bay area. Deborah is creative, efficient, organized, intelligent and extremely diligent. We firmly believe that the only reason we were able to move into our home on time and on budget was because Deborah Torres was spear-heading our project.

Lisa, Scott, Lauren and Spencer Henry
Hermosa Beach, CA
April 2015

Deborah Torres combines a sophisticated, yet simple design vision with an incredible capability to execute an obsessive attention to detail. When we started our remodel, we had no idea that in hiring Deborah we were gaining a skilled partner who cares as much about our home as we do. She relentlessly maneuvered through city restrictions and worked tirelessly with our contractor, subcontractors and suppliers to achieve our vision.

Through every step of the project she was right there with us, not only making sure our needs were met but anticipating them. Now that we've moved in, not a day goes by that we don't appreciate all that she did to make our home both beautiful AND livable.

Scott, Lisa and Levi
Manhattan Beach, CA
August 2011

Deborah Torres is a highly competent designer who was able to oversee both structural "fixes" and some design issues in 2008, the first time she worked for us. She was very detail oriented and efficient, requiring the highest standards from the contractors. We were entirely pleased with the job she did, which she oversaw in large part while we were out of town. She also designed a second floor addition to our home in 2012. We would certainly work with her again.

M. Zola and S. Urcis
Beverly Hills, CA
2013

We bought our house in London a month before the Lehman bankruptcy. During the ensuing turmoil, Deborah and her team were able to re-assure us that the project would be completed on time and would be worthwhile. It's five years later and we have been in our house since the Spring of 2011. We are very happy!

This is a terraced house in Chelsea backing onto a communal garden. Built in the 1920's the house had been updated once only and required a total renovation. The objective was to create a light filled modern home. For that we needed to gut the house, dig a basement and literally start from the ground up. Deborah had a clear vision of what this would look like and set about the drawings. With her interior design partner Lesley Reich, we were all able to quickly agree on how we wanted the house to look and work. More importantly, Deborah was able to navigate the Kensington & Chelsea planning regulations and a very conservative Garden Committee.

The kitchen is the focal point and that is what we wanted, though we live on every floor including the basement. Light floods the hallway from the landing window as intended by the stairwell design. The first floor study is the 'grown up' room where we escape to read, use the computer or watch the TV. All the rooms at the back enjoy the view of the gardens and on a quiet summer day the contrast between old Chelsea and modern design is at its best when we open the windows and the back door.

Working with Deborah and her team was a fantastic experience and an honest one. Our trust was duly rewarded with a home which is always admired by friends and visitors for its light, open simplicity. During the winter months, when the light closes in and summer seems an age away, we can always slip into the basement wine room and bring a bottle of something nice upstairs to share!

Christiana and Richard Boath
London, England
October 2013

I have been working in London and the EU for the last 15 years and chose an American office, Deborah Torres Design Studio, for my most recent project in Chelsea. Deborah brought an entirely new level of creativity and professionalism to the English market which was not only helpful to me but an added bonus to all those involved! Her ability to get to the heart of a building and extract it's best qualities while continually keeping in mind a client's needs and aesthetic sensibilities is a winning combination! Being that bankers are the usual client base here in London it was so helpful to have Deborah's up front cost analysis which was continually revisited throughout the project so as to keep a handle on all budgets. This was very effective as we completed the job within pounds of her original prediction several years earlier. As well, it is typical for every area of a house to be divided up between specialists, but having Deborah on board we were able to do a lot more in-house such as designing and engineering a very complicated central staircase and all of the cabinetry. It makes my job as Interior designer and client liason much easier when I have a competent team behind me! I look forward to our next project together!!

Lesley Reich
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Deborah Torres was the perfect choice for the extensive remodel of my 1920's era Spanish-style house in 2006. My goal was to retain the charm of the old house while expanding and updating the kitchen and certain other rooms to make them more functional and addressing years of neglect and poor workmanship. Her design reflected a creative balance between functionality and aesthetics, and was beautifully presented with not a detail overlooked. In our first meeting it was obvious that Deborah loved her work, understood my goals and had a full appreciation (much more so than I) of what my particular project was going to require, not only from her but also from other consultants and the general contractor. From the first drawings through completion of the punch list items, Deborah worked tirelessly to make sure everything went smoothly. I couldn't be more pleased with the result or the experience.

I engaged her services again in 2012-13 to update my terrace and exterior hardscapes. She suggested creative solutions that gave me more space, and designed elegant details. She coordinated with the contractor and multiple vendors, reviewed budgets and invoices, oversaw quality, and kept the project moving. She was always available to answer questions and troubleshoot the inevitable problems that occur during construction.

Now in 2015 she is working on a complete remodel to another floor of the house. She is a problem-solver and cares about her clients. I look forward to working with her again.

Kathy
Los Angeles, California
2006, 2013, 2015

It is without reservation that I would recommend Deborah Torres to my clients here in the South Bay and Palos Verdes.

Deborah's attention to detail is unparalleled. She works tirelessly to make sure that every part of the project is done correctly and takes complete ownership to make sure her clients' needs are fully met and even exceeded.

Deborah has worked in Europe and Los Angeles executing modern styles of architecture but has recently started focusing on the South Bay. You will be very pleased with her work ethic and end product and I enthusiastically recommend her.

Christine Solomon
NW Real Estate Brokers
Manhattan Beach
2015

Working with Deborah on the house for Lisa, Scott and Levi in Manhattan Beach was great. She has good knowledge of how things are assembled as well as awesome ideas. Her cooperative attitude and attention to detail is a big bonus for any project. All of Deborah's qualities helped to create fantastic results.

Mark Anello
Mark A Anello Construction, Inc.
Hermosa Beach. CA
August 2011

Deborah Torres has been a pleasure to work with over the past five years because of her positive attitude and organized approach to project management. She understands how to communicate with contractors and knows how to maintain a positive job attitude which is are two big pluses on any project. Estimators like to work with her design and construction drawings because the guess work is eliminated with her attention to detail. She's a great designer and I look forward to working with her on future projects.

Ernie Orchard CCI CEI
Orchard Roofing and Waterproofing Consultants
2015

I just wanted to let you know how much of a pleasure it is working with Deborah Torres Design Studio on the several projects we have worked on together. I appreciate her commitment to detail and ability to communicate the client's thoughts and ideas with my crew and me. It makes a job run so smooth when we can have a clear direction and comprehensive plans at the start of the project. When there have been changes to the scope of work they have been handled quickly and professionally. Her commitment to excellence makes the job very easy to manage. I look forward to continuing our exceptional working relationship on future projects.

Sincerely,
Tim Mattson, President
Mattson & Mattson Construction Inc.
2015