



WALKER HOME DESIGN

**28 Questions To Ask Your Architect**

Architect's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**As you interview architects and home designers, here are some questions to ask to help you choose the best person for your project.**

- What is your process? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long have you been in business? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many plans have you designed? \_\_\_\_\_
- How does your fee structure work? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you charge for changes? \_\_\_\_\_
- What separates you from other firms? \_\_\_\_\_
- How often would you visit our job site? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are site visits included in your fees? Y/N
- What is and isn't included in your fee? \_\_\_\_\_
- What does your plan set look like? \_\_\_\_\_
- How often do you create new plans? \_\_\_\_\_
- What software do you use? \_\_\_\_\_
- How quickly can our house plans be created? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you personally ever built a home? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you built any other significant structures? Y/N If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the last thing you have built? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you recommend any non-traditional materials or products? Y/N If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who was your favorite client? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is your least favorite client? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
- How would you describe "value engineering"? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you specifically incorporate "value engineering" into your plan designs?  
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- My budget is \_\_\_\_\_. Can my project be built for that amount? Yes/No
- How can you be sure my budget will or won't work? \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have homes I can walk through? Yes/No Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- How quickly will you return my phone calls or emails? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Will you work with my builder and interior designer to make sure my home will be built exactly as I designed it? Y/N What if I make changes along the way? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Who are 3 references you have designed for in the past 3-5 years that I can talk to?
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  
- What would your past clients say your strengths and weaknesses in building are?
  - Strengths \_\_\_\_\_
  - Weakness \_\_\_\_\_

Other:

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