

Kayte Edson, PhD, is an entrepreneur with a dual focus in multifamily real estate and cancer drug development. After earning her PhD in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Washington, Seattle, she built over a decade of experience as a translational scientist in drug discovery and development. Her expertise in mathematical modeling, drug metabolism, and leading cross-functional teams has been pivotal in her role advancing novel therapeutics to clinical trials and regulatory approval.

Kayte became interested in LA's housing shortage problem in 2017. She co-founded STS Development Services in Los Angeles, partnering with a Seattle-based builder-developer to break into the challenging LA market. Since then, she has successfully led the acquisition, entitlement, permitting, construction oversight, lease-up, and asset management of five multifamily projects. Focused on creating privately funded, naturally occurring affordable housing in urban-walkable, high-opportunity neighborhoods, she has completed 69 units in Hollywood and 374 units in Downtown LA, with groundbreaking soon for another 154 units in Koreatown and Hollywood. Upon completion of these 5 projects her team, in partnership with Housing Diversity Corp, will have created nearly 600 new construction units of privately funded housing in LA at an all-in-cost of about \$300k/unit.

She is also the founder/CEO of BioMark Oncology Corp. and consults in the pharmaceutical industry. Kayte resides in Thousand Oaks with her husband and three children.