



HANA GARDENS

EL CERRITO CA

Mixed-Use Affordable Housing with Community Services

DESCRIPTION The San Pablo Mixed-Use Senior Apartments is a 63 mixed-use senior affordable housing community adjacent to City Hall and within El Cerrito's mid-town area. The development includes a new public plaza which celebrates the legacy of the Japanese American flower growing community of El Cerrito as well as the preservation of an existing building which belonged to one of the Japanese American families that was interned during World War II. The plaza and public areas around the commercial and public areas of the development will include numerous interpretive displays with panels and plaques with information about the Japanese American community and about the site itself.

The design of the new mixed use/senior housing development takes its cue from City Hall as the building steps down to meet it and incorporates a public plaza. At the same time, the building steps down to meet the one story existing flower shop building along the South side. The building is sited around an internal courtyard for residents and the public plaza adjacent to City Hall on the North side. The design of the new mixed use / senior community incorporates, respects, and enhances its context and City Hall's civic realm.

The design of the development follows the principles and guidelines of the San Pablo Specific Area Plan and includes a high commercial ground floor, establishes an articulated urban presence on San Pablo Avenue and provides a public open space which can serve as a gathering place for residents of the City of El Cerrito.

DESIGN FEATURES

- Plaza landscaped with native and drought tolerant landscaping, will include seating areas, trellises and vertical gardens.
- Central open space is shared by all residents with walkways, sitting areas, community gardens, and a picnic area

GREEN FEATURES

- Drought tolerant landscaping
- Low VOC finishes
- Pervious hardscape surfaces to minimize runoff
- Stormwater mitigation
- Solar heating and cooling
- Recycled materials
- Solar hot water

Client:
Eden Housing

Building size/acres: ±55,000 sq.ft./
.92 acre

Density: 63 units

Construction est.: 2017

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