



VALENCIA GARDENS. HOPE VI

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Mixed Income Housing Reconnects Neighborhood

DESCRIPTION New public streets and private backyards transformed a failed housing project into a livable community in San Francisco's Mission District. The 300,000 sq.ft. complex includes 260 dwelling units, spacious community, day care and learning centers, a play area for children and a plaza with a sculpture garden. Four-story buildings line the primary public access streets and three-story buildings flank the interior blocks. Furthering the mix, homes for seniors are mingled with mixed-income affordable family housing units. Exterior entryways, with individual house numbers, porches, stoops and walkups have helped reduce crime, restoring a sense of security and encouraging a sense of ownership and community interaction.

VISION This project knits a diverse community into the heart of a vital neighborhood, anchoring it with essential resources, providing support to an underserved, at-risk population and dramatically transforming and improving an area plagued with high crime rates.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS Develop a safe, supported community, integrated with a vibrant neighborhood.

AWARDS

- AIA National HUD Secretary's Housing Creating Community Connection Award, 2008
- *San Francisco Business Times*, Affordable Housing Project of the Year, 2007
- AIA San Francisco Urban Design Special Commendation Award, 2007
- Golden Nugget Award of Merit, Best Affordable Project-30 du/acre or more, 2007

DESIGN FEATURES

- Re-introduction of streets into site to continue urban fabric
- Concrete Formliner finish structural walls creating strong street level bay rhythm
- Urban art – sculptures, paintings and photography by local artist at public spaces



Client: Mission Housing Development Corporation/
San Francisco Housing Authority

Building size/ acres:
300,000 sq.ft./5 acre

Number of units - density:
260 units - 52 du/ac

Completion: September 2006

Construction cost.: \$50M

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