



LUNA VISTA
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA

LEED Platinum 100% Affordable Community for Adults with Disabilities

Client: Alta Housing
Building Size/Acres: 50,449 S.F./
0.61 acre
Density: 71 units / 116 DUA
Completion: November 2021
Construction Est.: 25M
Website: VMWP

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Luna Vista provides an oasis of 100% affordable, stable, high-quality housing to some of Mountain View's most vulnerable residents -- low-income households making between 50-70% of the AML and adults with developmental disabilities. Services offered through Housing Choices include: an on-site service coordinator to help with job readiness programs, educational assistance, financial planning courses, independent living skills, counseling services, and community building programs. Universal design has been incorporated into the LEED Platinum building and residential units are accessible/adaptable as required by the UFAS, including local and state codes.

The design of the building was inspired by the "streamline moderne" buildings with futuristic curved shapes and zoomy designs that sat on the strip in the 1950s-1960s. The design follows the principles of the El Camino Real Precise Plan and supports an active street frontage through a tall first floor with plentiful storefront windows, an inviting entry area with an architectural art feature. Designed by clients of the Morgan Autism Center, sixty-four pieces of colorful and bold artwork were photographed, printed on glass panels, and mounted in the entryway and community lounge spaces. Residents and passersby experience the sunlight cast a stained-glass effect of these works in celebration of Luna Vista's residents.

Design Features

- Naturally ventilated lobby
- Multiple common decks with perforated metal screen
- Distinct vertical tower element
- Recessed transparent element with colored glass panels connecting shared living spaces with main entry
- Large roof deck

Green Features

- LEED Platinum
- Extensive use of photovoltaic panels to offset energy use
- Energy efficient appliances
- Recycled materials with low VOC content
- Drought tolerant landscaping
- 100% of stormwater treatment onsite