

DEVELOPMENTS

[HOME > DEVELOPMENTS](#) > SAN JOSE DEVELOPMENT SERVES VULNERABLE SENIORS

Posted on: July 20, 2021

f t in

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCE

San Jose Development Serves Vulnerable Seniors

Funding sources include a voter-approved housing bond.

By [Donna Kimura](#)

Bernard André Photography

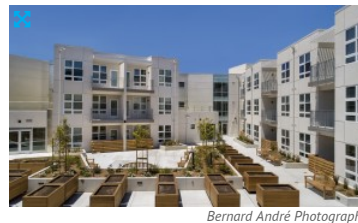
Leigh Avenue Senior Apartments recently welcomed its first residents, including a woman who was homeless for 20 years.

The 64-unit permanent supportive housing (PSH) development was built for people like her—seniors who have been chronically homeless and have special needs in San Jose, California. All the units come with project-based vouchers to assist residents in one of the nation's most expensive housing markets.

"No one has to make a choice between rent, medicine, and food," says Geoffrey Morgan, president and CEO of First Community Housing. "Finally, people are able to rest and realize the wolf won't be at their door."

Residents have access to a range of supportive services. In addition, the development, which is designed to achieve LEED Platinum designation, is near a light-rail station, and all households receive a free transit pass.

Like its residents, Leigh Avenue Senior Apartments is a survivor. First Community Housing stayed with the project through the Great Recession and other obstacles that threatened the development over the past decade. It was initially planned as a



Bernard André Photography



Missing Middle Housing

Virtual Event
August 10-11, 2021[Get Tickets](#)

TRENDING

AHF Announces 2021 Readers' Choice Awards...
People on the Move 9.16.21
Douglas Greene Helps Tennessee Rebuild...
National CORE Creates First Net-Zero...

traditional affordable senior housing property but adapted to be a PSH community to meet the needs of an aging homeless population.

Leigh Avenue is also a testament to political will, according to Morgan. Funding sources for the \$50.3 million development includes Measure A, a voter-approved county housing bond, and low-income housing tax credits.

PROJECT DETAILS

DEVELOPER: First Community Housing

ARCHITECT: OJK Architecture and Planning

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: L&D Construction


MAJOR FUNDERS: City of San Jose; Santa Clara County; California Housing Finance Agency; California Department of Housing and Community Development; California Tax Credit Allocation Committee; Raymond James Tax Credit Funds; Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco; City National Bank; Citi Community Capital; Housing Trust Silicon Valley; Low Income Investment Fund; Metropolitan Transportation Commission



AFFORDABLE
HOUSING FINANCE
newsletter keeps
you on top of the
latest advances in financing, building,
and operations. Subscribe today!

SIGN UP

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Donna Kimura



Donna Kimura is deputy editor of Affordable Housing Finance. She has covered the industry for more than a decade. Before that, she worked at an Internet company and several daily newspapers. Connect with Donna at dkimura@zondahome.com or follow her [@DKimura_AHF](https://twitter.com/DKimura_AHF).

Advertisement

Looking to dispose of or purchase a LIHTC property prior to the end of the 15-year compliance period?

We can help!

Employee Owned

Est. 1864

scottins.com/LIHTC | 866.372.0665

Keywords:

Subject: [Affordable Housing](#)


State: [California](#)

Location: [San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA](#)


People: [Geoffrey Morgan](#)

Organization: [First Community Housing](#)

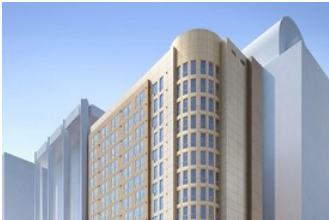
MORE FROM HOUSING FINANCE



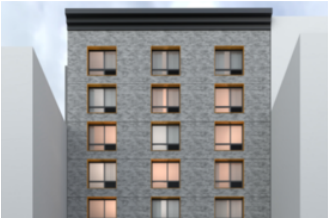
San Jose Development to Provide 87 Affordable Homes




San Jose Development Provides Housing for the Formerly Homeless




Construction Begins on Senior Housing Development in Hawaii



NYC Development to Serve LGBTQ Youth



Developers Open Mixed-Use Project in Central California



\$11.5 Permanent Supportive Housing Community Opens in Cincinnati