

# EDWINA BENNER PLAZA

## FAMILY AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Sunnyvale, CA



**Edwina Benner Plaza** addresses the pressing need for affordable housing in Silicon Valley, one of the nation’s most expensive housing markets, by providing 66 affordable rental homes for low-income families. Benner Plaza began construction in spring 2017 and welcomed residents in fall 2018.

Named in honor of Edwina Benner – California’s first female mayor who served as the Mayor of Sunnyvale from 1924 to 1926 and again from 1937 to 1938 – Benner Plaza is located on a formerly underutilized site where one single story commercial building once stood. The site’s redevelopment furthers Sunnyvale’s vision to transform the area into a well-served neighborhood housing local workers in close proximity to schools, parks, retail, employment opportunities, and public transit connections.



An all-electric building, community amenities include energy efficient appliances, private patios, secured bike parking, a children’s play area, rooftop solar energy panels, and water-efficient landscaping. Services include an after school program, adult education, and mediation support. There is also onsite case management staff provided by the County for the 13 units reserved for formerly homeless community members and 10 units are reserved for residents who are at risk of homelessness.

<b>Developer</b>	MidPen Housing Corp.		
<b>Property Management</b>	MidPen Property Management Corp.		
<b>Development Type</b>	New construction: multi-story infill development		
<b>Construction Type</b>	Wood frame over concrete podium		
<b>Site Area:</b>	1.31 acres		
<b>Density:</b>	50 units / acre		
<b>Parking Ratio:</b>	1.3 : 1 (87 spaces)		
<b>Development Profile</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Size Units (sf)</b>
	1 BR	30	560
	2 BR	19	870 - 925
	3 BR	17	1097 - 1346
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	
<b>Amenities</b>	Community room with kitchen; computer lab; fitness center; children’s playground; courtyard; bicycle parking; secured storage		
<b>Services Offered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academically-based after school and summer programs for youth</li> <li>• Financial literacy courses</li> <li>• Vocational development</li> <li>• Health and wellness programs</li> <li>• Computer lab and assistance</li> <li>• Case Management and Supportive services</li> <li>• Connection to community resources</li> </ul>		
<b>Resident Profile</b>	Families earning up to 60% of area median income, including those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness		
<b>Funders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Sunnyvale</li> <li>• County of Santa Clara</li> <li>• Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara</li> <li>• Housing Trust Silicon Valley</li> <li>• Technology Credit Union</li> <li>• California Tax Credit Allocation Committee</li> <li>• Bank of America, N.A.</li> </ul>		
<b>Architect</b>	David Baker Architects		
<b>Contractor</b>	James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corporation		

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