The historic Hotel St. Matthew was acquired by MidPen Housing and rehabilitated to become **St. Matthew Apartments**: 56 affordable single-room occupancy studios and 8,100 square feet of retail.

Renovations included the addition of a steel seismic frame, replacement of the plumbing, heating, fire sprinkler systems, elevator and stairway. Eleven new residences were added along with renovations to the existing apartments. A new laundry facility was installed and the kitchens and bathrooms received upgrades. St. Matthew Apartments residents receive onsite services by San Mateo County Mental Health.

The commercial portion was earthquake retrofitted and renovated inside and out with assistance from San Mateo’s Storefront Improvement Program. The storefronts, signage and colors reflect the building’s historical character. San Mateo also enlarged and beautified the sidewalks with planters, benches and a cobblestone pattern.

St. Matthew is listed in the National Historic Register of Historic Places and the community received an award from the California Preservation Foundation for “Excellence in Preservation and Re-use.”