



Summary of Community Input and Design Response

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Mercy Housing California and Studio One Eleven engaged in an extensive community outreach process with various stakeholders. Through this process, a variety of ideas and recommendations were discussed. The following summarizes the key concepts that were incorporated into the overall design for this development as a result of community input.

| COMMUNITY INPUT | DESIGN RESPONSE |
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| Make the design consistent with Long Beach design tradition | The primary building façade design is inspired by local Long Beach architecture. Designed in art deco and streamline moderne character reflective of nearby Long Beach City College and Long Beach Polytechnic High School. |
| Limit building massing next to residential neighbors | The building massing steps down to the north towards the adjacent lower scale neighborhood. Additionally, the courtyard is located along the north façade and changed to one-story in order to reduce a majority of the building mass facing the neighborhood. |
| Limit visibility into adjacent residential properties | The second floor courtyard space provides for a large landscaped hedge along the north edge. This along with taller landscape on the ground floor will reduce any views from the courtyard space into neighboring residences. |
| Put more activity along Pacific Coast Highway frontage | To promote an active ground floor sidewalk area, the main building lobby has been located directly off the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway. This ground floor plan provides eyes on the street, and gives the building a look of being occupied; both elements give added security to residents and the community. |
| Include art in the building design | Space for murals and other artwork has been incorporated into the building façade at key building locations. These public art components will complement the emerging art corridor along MLK Blvd. and celebrate the heritage of the community. Selection of the murals will be a joint collaborative process with the community. |
| Improve the alleyway adjacent to the site | The alleyway will be widened by 5’ and will be cleaned and resurfaced. Lush landscape will be provided along the edge of the property fronting the alley. |