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**BUILDING**
**Cynthia Parker: More Memories of Mayor Ed Lee**


Ed Lee's great passion was the City of San Francisco, and he understood that one of the City's strengths is the diversity of its people, be it gender, race, ethnicity or income. That diversity adds to the City's vitality, warmth, culture, openness and humanity, and could not be possible without the essential ingredients of jobs, services and housing that we all need. While much has been said about Ed Lee's incredible legacy, I was moved to describe a few more memories of my own. [Read more.](#)

**Bringing Affordability to Portland's South Waterfront**


BRIDGE recently received funding approval from the Portland City Council for a new South Waterfront development that will deliver more than 200 affordable apartments, including 90 deeply affordable units, 10 of which will serve formerly homeless veterans. Mayor Ted Wheeler said, "This is an exciting opportunity to realize another shovel-ready development that gives more families the chance to live and work in a great area with strong transit connections." [Read more.](#)

**Modular in San Leandro**


Construction of San Leandro Senior is progressing quickly, as Cannon Constructors North is working with Guerdon Modular Buildings to crane 109 factory-built modules into place on the concrete podium. BRIDGE estimates that the modular process will trim a projected 22 weeks off the construction schedule. The 85 new apartments for low-income seniors are expected to be complete in mid-2018. [Read more.](#)

**Measure K Funding Committed**

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The County of San Mateo awarded \$7 million in funding to BRIDGE's development at Bay Meadows: 72 affordable family apartments that are part of a large-scale, transit-oriented redevelopment of a former race track. The funding comes from Measure K, the county-wide half-cent sales tax measure that was approved by voters in 2016.

**SUSTAINING**
**\$180,000+ Awarded in Scholarships**


BRIDGE was proud to award more than \$180,000 in competitive scholarships to 30 residents in 2017. Under the [Alan and Ruth Stein](#) Educational Assistance Program, 25 residents received awards to help pay for tuition and expenses not covered by traditional scholarships. Five people received a new business/ accounting scholarship established in honor of the late [Kent Colwell](#), a longtime BRIDGE Board member. Colwell awarded John and Kristina Metzger (pictured above) set aside their own career aspirations while raising a family. Inspired by their sons' successes, John and Kristina decided to go back to school and build new careers. As in the board game of "Life," said John, "it is never too late to adjust your forward moves." [Read more about the Stein and Colwell awardees.](#)

**"This is my home"**


BRIDGE resident Liao Weiping, 86, takes great joy in writing poetry every day. His first language is Chinese, but he also writes in English and has gained new skills through the English as a Second Language program for residents. Weiping, who is a retired landscape gardener, feels happy and peaceful at Alta Torre, and he likes to think of his neighbors as brothers and sisters. "This is my home," he said. "I hope to live here until the last day of my life."

**LEADING**
**Strengthening the Field: Asset Management**


In November, BRIDGE and the Oakland Housing Authority co-hosted a training on advanced financial tools for asset managers. The training is part of the Certified Housing Asset Manager (CHAM) professional certification series offered through NeighborWorks America. Twenty-seven people participated, including representatives from other nonprofits, for-profits and government entities.

**BRIDGE and Holland Partner Group Selected for San Diego Mixed-Income Development**


The County of San Diego selected BRIDGE Housing and Holland Partner Group to develop a total of 253 apartments and nearly 9,000 square feet of retail space in San Diego's Little Italy neighborhood. BRIDGE will develop an eight-story building with 57 affordable apartments for low-income seniors. [Read more.](#)

**Celadon Earns Grand Orchid Award**


Celadon at 9th & Broadway was presented with the Grand Orchid Award by the San Diego Architectural Foundation, which recognizes bold and socially important architecture. The jury unanimously agreed that Celadon was designed in a thoughtful and respectful manner, "highly crafted for its location and its residents." [Read more.](#)