

BUILDING



1950 MISSION BREAKS GROUND

San Francisco Mayor London Breed joined BRIDGE and co-developer Mission Housing in March for a community celebration of the groundbreaking of 157 affordable homes for families in San Francisco's Mission District. Forty of the apartments will serve formerly homeless families. "We're proud to be part of this collaborative effort to deliver affordable family homes and an array of community services that will help the neighborhood maintain its vibrancy and diversity," said Cynthia A. Parker, President and CEO of BRIDGE Housing. [Read more](#) and view the [event album](#).



THE LITTLE TOWN THAT COULD

Residents of Cornelius, OR (pop. 11,869) turned out in droves for the ribbon-cutting of Cornelius Place on March 30. BRIDGE, in partnership with Bienestar and the City, developed a new public library, a YMCA center and 45 affordable apartments for seniors. The new library provides services such as pre-reading and early education programs, student success programs and adult education. [Read more](#) and view the [event album](#).



AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR SAN MATEO

Last month, BRIDGE and partners were excited to break ground on Bay Meadows Affordable, 68 affordable apartments for families in San Mateo. The property is located within the Bay Meadows community, a transformation of the former thoroughbred racetrack into a transit-oriented urban village. [Read more](#) and view the [event album](#).

SUSTAINING



BLESSED TO LIVE HERE

"I wanted to see my boys succeed," said Anit B., "and that was not possible in Iran," where she and her family faced religious persecution. Today, they live at BRIDGE's Woodbury Walk in Irvine, CA. Anit's husband, Robert, gave up his career as the manager of a large bank; he now works as an overnight stocker at a big box store. "Still, we all made the right decision to come to America. I am happy my boys have control over their futures. We are blessed to be living in this place."



ZONED FOR OPPORTUNITY

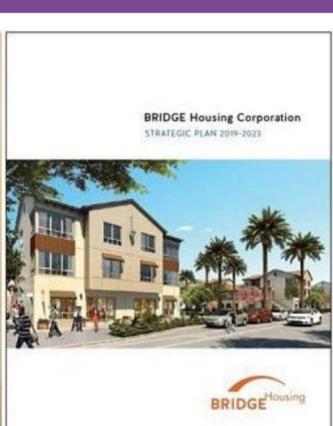
BRIDGE was honored to receive a grant under the Meyer Memorial Trust's "1 Million Months Challenge." BRIDGE is exploring use of the new Opportunity Zones to promote the production of affordable housing in Oregon. This is part of BRIDGE's overall initiative to create Opportunity Zone funds in Oregon, Washington and California. Meyer's Michael Parkhurst writes: "Many in the affordable housing world are wondering whether Opportunity Zones could be an effective tool for developing affordable housing, and BRIDGE is well-positioned to be an 'early-mover' here and to share what they learn with the field." [Read more](#).



TRANSFORMING PUBLIC HOUSING, PREVENTING DISPLACEMENT

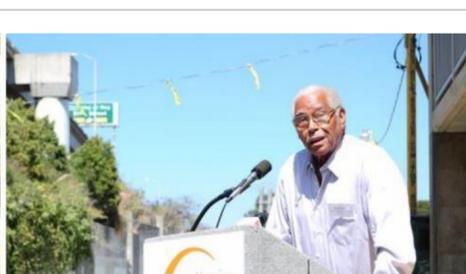
BRIDGE and co-developer Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) were thrilled to rededicate 3850 18th Street: 107 affordable apartments for seniors and people with disabilities. The property was revitalized under HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, championed by the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development. The program leverages private capital--in this case, from Bank of America--to preserve and improve public housing and address a multibillion-dollar nationwide backlog of deferred maintenance. [Read more](#) and view the [event album](#).

LEADING



CHARTING A COURSE FOR 2023

BRIDGE has published its 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, a five-year road map as it continues to grow as a leader, producer, operator and owner of affordable housing in the context of holistic communities. The plan focuses on six interrelated initiatives: Real Estate Development; Capital and Fund Development; Community Development and Resident Services & Evaluation; Internal Strengthening; Information Technology; and a new Innovation Lab, which will incubate, pilot and launch new initiatives that address issues such as cost-containment strategies and the need for moderate-income housing. Performance metrics include advancement of 9,000 units of housing, \$3.8 billion in project capital raised, and 25 community-serving assets planned or developed. [Download the plan](#).



IN MEMORIAM: WALTER MILES

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Walter Miles, a true visionary who, as Chairman of the MacArthur BART Citizens Planning Committee, championed mixed-use and higher density development for the MacArthur Station development since 1993. His commitment was critical to making the MacArthur Station development a reality. Construction is well under way on the final parcel. Over all, the masterplanned site includes 880 new homes, 90 of which are at BRIDGE's Mural Apartments, along with a BART new garage, local retail space and BRIDGE's infrastructure improvements. We are glad that his legacy will be remembered via Walter Miles Way, a new street within the development that was named in his honor.