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## BUILDING

### Cornelius Place: A Place for Everyone



Last month, BRIDGE broke ground on Cornelius Place in partnership with Bienestar and the City of Cornelius, OR. When complete, it will house the expanded Cornelius Public Library with community convening space, a YMCA center, and 45 affordable apartments for seniors. At the event, Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici cited the importance of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to creating developments like Cornelius Place, which "will make our community stronger," she said. [Read more.](#)

### Development Team Selected for Balboa Reservoir



The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Planning Department, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development announced in late summer the selection of a development team to partner with the City to transform and bring new housing and open space to the Balboa Reservoir. The selected team for the 17-acre property will be led by AvalonBay Communities and BRIDGE Housing. The partnership includes Pacific Union Development Company and nonprofit partners, Mission Housing and Habitat for Humanity for Greater San Francisco. The team's winning proposal includes up to 1,100 units of affordable and market rate housing and 4.2 acres of parks and open spaces. [Read more.](#)

## SUSTAINING

### Preserving Affordable Homes



In 2014, BRIDGE acquired Woodland Park, a 111-apartment community in Hillsboro, OR, that serves families, seniors and people with disabilities. BRIDGE completed a \$6.4 million renovation and extended the project-based rent subsidy contract for another 20 years. At the recent rededication, resident Dawn Lier said: "When we [residents] moved back after the renovations, it was like 'Wow! This is amazing!' It was so well worth it. Thank you to everyone who was involved." [View event album.](#)

### Study Shows Potrero Program Improves Outcomes for Parents, Kids



A new evaluation of the Healthy Generations Project at Potrero public housing in San Francisco found that participants are thriving in three key areas: engaging in literacy activities with their children, increased knowledge of child development, and increased feelings of competency as a parent. The project emerged as part of BRIDGE's comprehensive effort, under HOPE SF, to rebuild the distressed public housing and create some 900 additional homes serving people across a range of incomes. The first phase of construction began in January 2017. [Download report.](#)

## LEADING

### Ed McNamara Appointed to BRIDGE Board



Ed McNamara has been elected to the BRIDGE Board of Directors. Mr. McNamara, a real estate developer in Portland, OR, has more than 45 years of experience in construction and in private sector and nonprofit development. "Ed has a tremendous depth of knowledge, and we are delighted to welcome him to our board," said Cynthia A. Parker, BRIDGE President and CEO. "He's a true community visionary whose values align well with our commitment to quality, quantity and affordability." [Read more.](#)

### Accolades for The Abigail and Celadon



The Abigail was honored to receive a Multifamily Executive Grand Award in the Mixed-Income category. Located in Portland's Pearl District, this family-focused property features 128 affordable and 27 market-rate apartments.

Celadon at 9th & Broadway was presented with a 2017 Icon Award (Best Affordable) from the Building Industry Association of San Diego County. The 17-story Celadon includes 250 affordable rental apartments, including 88 reserved for special-needs residents, such as frail seniors and youth aging out of foster care.