

MANDELA T3 RESIDENCES, Oakland, CA

Mandela T3 Residences is designed to address the extreme shortage of affordable housing in historically African American neighborhoods like West Oakland, and to become a catalyst for the renaissance of the West Oakland community. It is creating a bold new approach for equitable and activated TOD community development.

The T3 Residences will bring a revitalized street and plaza life to the West Oakland community. It is designed to create an urban architecture that respects the rich history of the community and re-envision a new future that is thriving, inclusive and active. The design creates a higher density architecture that reinforces the pedestrian scale and creates an active and delightful community destination. By breaking down the scale of the larger urban form, the new building integrates into the finer urban fabric of the 5th Street corridor.

The T3 Residences program allows deep affordability to accommodate West Oakland residences that have been excluded and forced out of the neighborhood. The Residences will provide health, social and child-care services on the ground and podium floors. The uses at the Street are designed to provide opportunities for local business ownership and entrepreneurship – creating a destination that incubates and grows arts, maker and cultural programs in Oakland and the East Bay.

The overall program is designed to foster an economic engine for the “creative economy”, creating a best-in-class workplace destination that combines live-work-transit, and community culture and arts into a next-generation urban showcase of community revitalization. The project represents a new model for historically disadvantaged communities to meet the challenge integrating into the Bay Area’s creative economy through a deliberate process of Engineering Equity that is designed to open pathways for the community to participate in the business and cultural opportunities provided by the development.

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