

# The Kelsey Civic Center

Site : Civic Center, San Francisco



**Project Summary:** The Kelsey Civic Center will be a vibrant urban community offering 102 homes for San Franciscans of all abilities, incomes, and backgrounds. This project addresses the global impacts of climate change alongside one of the defining local issues of our time: the housing crisis.

The project focus on including people with disabilities. Less than 12% of them own or lease their own home. Our project proposes a model to change this discrimination. This fully accessible building will house in the ground-level a commercial space for green business that employs people with disabilities and will propose training programs to offer them the opportunity to participate in the green economy. The project also includes communal spaces for cooking, eating and relaxing. This co-living model minimizes resource waste, supports low carbon design, and fosters connection and community impact.

A beacon of sustainability, The Kelsey Civic Center will model an all-electric zero carbon building with on-site renewable energy and energy storage. Numerous integrated design strategies will help achieve the carbon-neutrality goal, including the use of wood. To support biodiversity and urban agriculture, the project will offer a large public garden within the building's courtyard.

Located in the heart of San Francisco's Civic Center, the project offers a new model of housing that makes evident the virtuous cycle between inclusion, connectedness, sustainability, and resiliency.



## Key Components & Solutions

- Zero carbon project including wood and low-carbon concrete construction materials
- Extremely energy efficient project, making use of passive strategies and heat pumps. It will be fully electric and will offset 100% of its consumption thanks to renewable electricity production systems
- Extensive green areas and vertical planting to promote on-site biodiversity and natural cooling
- No parking for fossil-fuel cars, but electric vehicles charging stations and partnerships with local car-sharing and transit organizations

→ The project focuses on including people with disabilities through affordable and co-living housing. It also comprises green businesses and training programs to offer people with disabilities the opportunity to participate in the green economy

## Main members of the team

- Developer(s): Mercy Housing California • Kelsey
- Architect(s): WRNS Studio • Mikiten Architecture • RHAA Landscape and Planning
- Others: Point Energy Innovation • Mar Structural Design • Sherwood Design Engineers • Cahill Contractors • Golden Gate Regional Center • Common Living Inc

