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Immanuel-Sobrato Affordable Housing Development Breaks Ground in San José

Project will add 108 new affordable homes for formerly unhoused residents

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Today, Mayor Sam Liccardo was joined by Councilmember Dev Davis (D6), County Supervisors Susan Ellenberg and Cindy Chavez, MidPen Housing President & CEO, Matt Franklin, John A. Sobrato, Housing Authority Executive Director Preston Prince, and leaders from the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Jose to announce the groundbreaking of Immanuel-Sobrato Community, an affordable housing development that will provide 108 permanent supportive affordable homes for chronically homeless residents. This is San Jose's first redevelopment of a place of worship to include supportive housing.

Watch the Groundbreaking video here:

[Immanuel-Sobrato Community Groundbreaking](#)




The new affordable homes will be available to residents referred directly to MidPen from the County of Santa Clara's coordinated entry system. Case management services will be provided by the County of Santa Clara supplemented by additional on-site coordination and support services from MidPen Resident Services Corporation.

“We are seeing an incredible example of what a public-private partnership can do—leveraging the incredibly generous spirit of a place of worship and the mission of our city to create deeply needed permanent supportive housing units,” **said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo.** “I am extremely grateful to MidPen, John and Susan Sobrato, Immanuel Lutheran Church and city staff for their efforts to care for our most vulnerable neighbors.”

The project is a unique private-public partnership between the City of San Jose, MidPen Housing, John Sobrato, the Housing Authority, and the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Jose. The community will include a four-story building with 106 studios and 2 onsite manager units. Amenities include a secured lobby, dog run, 36 parking spaces, large common space, bicycle storage, community room with kitchen, courtyard with outdoor seating, exercise area, computer lab and laundry room. The development is located near VTA transit, healthcare, parks, a FoodMaxx, and San Jose City College.

“We are thrilled to break ground on Immanuel-Sobrato, which is a shining example of how creative private sector business and faith-based partnerships can deliver high-quality housing solutions to

combat homelessness,” **said Matthew O. Franklin, President, and CEO of MidPen Housing.** “Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home. And with these new 108 permanent supportive affordable homes for the chronically unhoused, San Jose can meet its housing goals and reduce homelessness by 75 percent in three years.”  (<https://www.midpenhousing.org>)

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