

# About the Compact Development Team

The Bay Area is growing. We need to accommodate new growth in a way that protects open space while creating walkable communities. To do that, we need more compact development.

## Yes to Good Development

Greenbelt Alliance actively encourages developments that revitalize communities and provide affordable housing in the Bay Area.

Greenbelt Alliance's Compact Development Team endorses residential, mixed-use, and commercial developments that are pedestrian-oriented, are near transit,

use land efficiently, and provide housing for a variety of income levels.

## Compact Development is Best

Good compact development can:

*Provide an alternative to sprawl development:* Within our cities is ample space for new growth. Promoting infill projects

also helps revitalize our older cities, making them more desirable places to live.

*Create more transportation choices:* Putting homes within walking distance of train stations and bus stops makes it easy to take transit and reduces traffic.

*Foster complete neighborhoods:* A vibrant mix of homes, stores, and offices enables people to shop, commute to work, and run errands on foot, encouraging connections with neighbors.

*Expand housing options:* Providing homes that are affordable to people of all income levels enables workers to live close to jobs and relieves pressure to build on open space. Offering a mix of housing types—like townhouses, apartments, and condominiums—results in more options for people looking for places to live.

*Encourage better design:* Designing developments with pedestrians in mind helps to create safe and walkable communities.

*Minimizes the cost of city services:* Including higher densities in new developments takes advantage of existing services and infrastructure.

**"On this project, like several in the past, we owe our success to support from Greenbelt Alliance."**

**Tom Kuhn, Project Manager,  
Burbank Housing**

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Greenbelt Alliance's Compact Development Team endorsed San Francisco's 1 Church Street.

## Stand Up for Vibrant Places

If you are a developer who would like to submit a project for review by the Compact Development Team, or a smart growth enthusiast who would like to volunteer on the team, call (415) 543-6771 for more information.

Learn more about the Compact Development Team, including the guidelines we use to review projects, at [www.greenbelt.org](http://www.greenbelt.org).

## Open Spaces & Vibrant Places

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