

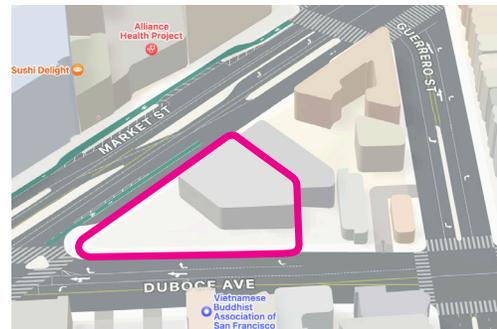
1939 Market Street

LGBTQ+ Affirming Housing for Seniors

In Spring 2021, Mercy Housing California (MHC), with Openhouse as co-developer, responded to the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) Multisite Request for Qualifications to develop 1939 Market Street – a city-owned site in the Mid-Market/Castro neighborhood of San Francisco. In Summer 2021, MHC and Openhouse were awarded the opportunity to develop the site in Summer 2021.

MHC is one of the state’s most experienced owners/operators of service-enriched, affordable housing. Openhouse is a local senior services organization focusing on the housing and support services needs of LGBTQ+ seniors. MHC and Openhouse have previously worked together on the development and operations of two LGBTQ+ affirming housing communities just across the street at 55 Laguna and 95 Laguna.

1939 Market Street is a flatiron shaped site located at Duboce Avenue on Market Street. It is envisioned that the proposed new construction will add to the “campus” of Openhouse Community at 55 Laguna, Marcy Adelman and Jeanette Gurevitch Openhouse Community, Bob Ross LGBT Senior Center and the Blatt Holstrom LGBTQ Senior Community Center properties. 1939 Market will



1939 Market Street; San Francisco, CA, 94103

be a fifteen story, Type I, building with a maximum of 188 affordable studio and 1-bedroom apartments serving low-income seniors, 62 years and older. The building will feature community and open spaces for residential use, ground floor property management and service offices, as well as community-serving retail. MHC and Openhouse intend to create a welcoming community for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ elders.

Commitment to Community

MHC and Openhouse are committed to incorporating community members into the development process through a variety of means, including meeting with neighbors, neighborhood associations, local leaders, and local BIPOC and LGBTQ+ organizations, as well as sharing written and electronic communications. In observance of health guidelines related to COVID-19, MHC and Openhouse will solicit input through virtual and in-person meetings, e-mail, regular mail, and the 1939 Market project website 1939marketstreet.org.

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About Openhouse

Openhouse, founded in 1998, serves San Francisco Bay Area LGBTQ+ seniors as they overcome the unique challenges they face as they age with a suite of services including affordable housing, direct services, transformational training and community programs. Openhouse works to center the voices and experiences of LGBTQ+ older adults by providing opportunities to make social connections and build community. Openhouse is committed to creating a safe environment that supports community members, honors our diverse perspectives and identities, and fosters dynamic community engagement. Openhouse recognizes and affirms that LGBTQ+ older adults live at intersections of race, ethnicity, class, culture, HIV status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, spirituality, and ability.



About Mercy Housing California

Mercy Housing California (MHC) is a California based, nonprofit housing development organization with the mission of creating and strengthening healthy communities. Since 1981, MHC has developed and preserved affordable housing for Californians throughout the state. Today, MHC owns and manages over 155 communities statewide serving more than 19,600 low and very low-income residents. Mercy Housing Management Group (MHMG) will be the management agent for the property and is committed to providing quality property management services that reinforce the philosophy that all residents deserve respect, dignity, and a place to call home.

Architecture Team

The selected architecture team is Paulett Taggart Architects / YA Studio. For over 25 years, Paulett Taggart Architects (PTA) has focused on the design of creative, thoughtful, economical, and livable affordable housing throughout San Francisco. PTA brings extensive experience in designing housing to serve diverse, low-income individuals and families and in working with community-based non-profits. YA Studio is focused on bringing an innovative and modern approach to design and is dedicated to social responsibility and serving the under-served and under-housed within our communities.

For project updates, community meeting dates, and additional information, please visit the website at: www.1939market.org.

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