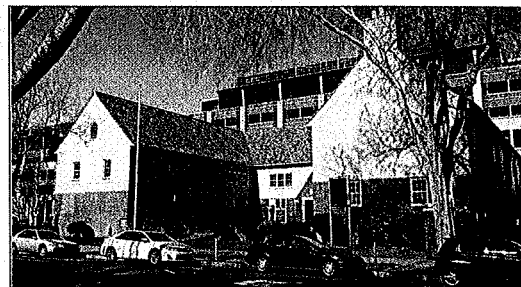


CALIFORNIA TRIBAL LIFE CENTER

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SUMMARY

Development of the historic Thomas Jefferson Elementary School at 16th and N Streets in Downtown Sacramento into a tribal life and cultural center.



VISION

Located at the intersection of two key corridors into the heart of the City of Sacramento, the Thomas Jefferson Elementary School site currently consists of a historic building flanked by underutilized land. The property was once contemplated as a center for cultural unity. Sacramento Native American Health Center and Domus Development share a vision for this site that builds upon this unrealized legacy. In a way that is uniquely Sacramentan, our proposal is to preserve this critical part of history and build a complementary edifice that will serve as a beacon for the future. This site will be home to functions that celebrate history, culture, and equity. In light of the high-profile disposition of school district land, this use provides a unifying opportunity to rally community and political support.



PROPOSAL

Sacramento Native American Health Center and Domus Development propose to acquire the site from the Sacramento City Unified School District. Section 17482 of the California Education Code allows for the disposition of school district land that contains buildings of historic value to a nonprofit organization for the purpose of maintaining the property as a historical resource. Our proposal includes the preservation of the historic school building and adjacent property into a tribal life center complete with a health clinic, cultural heritage center, and affordable housing.



Located at the prominent corner of 16th and N Streets, Jefferson School opened as an elementary school in 1922, and later served as the Sacramento City Unified School District's administrative headquarters for nearly 45 years. Development of the site will involve securing the property's designation on the National Register of Historic Places and its adaptive reuse into a mixed-use tribal life center. The 92-year-old building will be meticulously restored to its original beauty, and each component will be distinct and include original fabric from the former school. More importantly, the building will be improved to meet applicable building code standards, including seismic retrofitting. Juxtaposed with the historic building will be a grand and modern edifice at the high-profile intersection. The Sacramento Native American Health Center will operate a clinic, cultural center, and community-serving building that celebrates the Native American community and heritage. The building will be home to approximately 50 apartment homes and 50,000 square feet of community and clinic space. Health services will include primary medical care, health education, counseling services, and administrative offices. The community center will provide indoor and outdoor space for gatherings, celebrations, and cultural activities. The cultural center will include exhibits that detail not just Native American history but the vibrant contemporary tribal experience. This component promises to have statewide draw as a unique and compelling hub of Native American life.



PARTNERS

Sacramento Native American Health Center

www.snahc.org

The Sacramento Native American Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) uniquely positioned to operate and manage these programs. The organization is run by an all-Native Board of Directors and serves a population that is 78% Native American. Chief Executive Officer Britta Guerrero was recently recognized as a Leader of Tomorrow by Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Senate pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, and Assemblyman Roger Dickinson for her innovative leadership in addressing health disparities and providing quality health services. At the proposed tribal life center, the Sacramento Native American Health Center is well-positioned to implement a contemporary health model that moves from one of disease treatment to wellness promotion.

Domus Development

www.domusd.com

Domus Development has an extensive track record of creating and managing high-quality affordable housing, including the award-winning La Valentina development in Sacramento and Temple Art Lofts in Vallejo. Located at 12th and D Streets, La Valentina grew out of a partnership between Domus and half a dozen public agencies. The project has been recognized with a number of awards, most notably from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Sacramento Area Council of Governments. Temple Art Lofts in Vallejo's Arts and Entertainment District preserved the 1917 Masonic Temple and original 1872 City Hall by transforming them into distinctive loft homes for artists, in addition to an art studio and a grand performance hall. The building was spared from demolition through important modernization features, such as seismic retrofitting and the installation of an elevator. Following completion, the project has been featured in Preservation Magazine, and has been recognized by the California Preservation Foundation and the Association of Bay Area Governments.



La Valentina: A Transit-Oriented Development in a Historic Neighborhood



Temple Art Lofts: Preserving Historic Buildings for an Artist Community



Children at play during La Valentina's on-site after school program for residents



Temple Art Lofts preserved two historic buildings, including this Masonic Temple