



Oak Court

AFFORDABLE FAMILY HOUSING

This project lies at the edge of downtown Palo Alto in a neighborhood that has become known as "Professorville," an affluent residential enclave of classic single family craftsman homes where the median home price was \$1.5 million at the time of construction. The project consists of 53 apartments for low income families in townhomes over flats, above a partial subterranean garage on approximately an acre.

The architects facilitated several community meetings to help generate the form, organization and program of this project. The process resulted in buildings that have been very well received by the local homeowners, despite the income and wealth disparities between the new residents and the neighbors.

A historic boarding house was moved to the corner and will be used as the manager's office and a community center. All units have patios or balconies, and several have private porches on the street matching the streetscape of the area. The building was oriented perpendicular to the streets where possible to eliminate the sense of a continuous street wall.

- 2005 Gold Nugget Grand Award**
- 2005 Builder Magazine Merit Award**



PROJECT DATA

Client:	Palo Alto Housing Corporation
Location:	Palo Alto, CA
Completion:	2005
Units:	53 units (1BR-3BR)
Amenities:	Tot lot, community center
Site Area:	1.2 acres
Project Area:	67,000 sf
Parking Ratio:	2.1 spaces/unit
Cost:	\$9.5 million
Contractor:	Segue Construction

