

Issues Addressed

1. Sustainability:

Resident-tended vegetable gardens on the roof, good daylighting and natural ventilation via open courtyard or street-side unit exposure.

2. Connections:

High emphasis on communal space, such as roof garden, courtyard, and well placed laundry facility. Set on active urban street where mass transit routes run continuously.

3. Open Space:

Entry court flows into communal courtyard, rooftop garden terrace is accessible to all tenants. Public open space is intentionally eliminated for security concerns.

4. Response to Context:

An infill condition, the scale, color and texture of the building is sensitive to the surrounding environment, but not to the level of blending in. The building stands as a bit of an icon in the streetscape.

5. Quality Homes:

Though finishes are minimal, the spatial quality, views and access to desirable amenities are quite good. Good variety of unit sizes to fit various need types.

Building Facts

Address:

145 Taylor St.
San Francisco, CA

Density Ratio:

Project Area: 83,690 Sq Ft
Site: 0.3 Acres
Units / Acre: 223

Unit Count:

Studio	14
1 Bedroom	15
2 Bedroom	14
3 Bedroom	24
Total	67

Commercial Space:

Retail: 1381 Sq. Ft.

"Curran House brings high-density affordable family housing to San Francisco's rough-and-tumble Tenderloin, and it is now home to more than 80 children. An imaginative configuration on a challenging site, this project fits 67 varied units together while maintaining tenants' sense of privacy. The building has eliminated parking, instead maximizing the space for additional units, retail and common areas, supportive services, and the non-profit developer's offices. Residents enter through a "decompression" garden that links to a landscaped courtyard in the rear. These spaces, as well as a rooftop vegetable garden, offer families an oasis from the gritty city environment below."

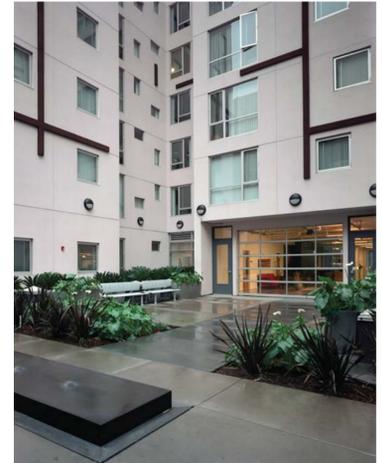
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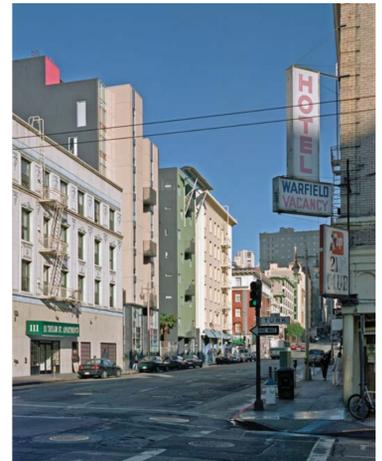
Roof / Terrace Plan

Scale: 1/16" = 1'-0"



Typical Upper Floor Plan

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Site / Ground Floor Plan

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