

“ANECDOTAL” EVIDENCE

8th & Howard
+
SOMA studios
TNDC

micro-units
+
apartments
+
social services
+
retail

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“I have a clean, safe place to live, which is kind of hard sometimes here in the city.

Being on a subsidized living situation, having subsidized housing is really good for me.

If I didn't have the housing, I wouldn't be able to live in San Francisco, literally.”

—Troy Brunet, SOMA Studios





“I used to have to be on oxygen 24/7. Moving here, I don’t have to be on oxygen overnight.

It’s just it’s a lot calmer here, which has really helped my health.

Nice wide hallways, it’s easier for me to maneuver the wheelchair in and out.

It’s just given me a home sense, a home feeling.”

—Jon Sollars, SOMA Studios



Folsom + Dore Apartments

TNDC

apartments
+
social services



www.dbarchitect.com/FolsomDore



“I love it here. From where I was living around the corner there, it’s like moving from hell into heaven, yes it is.”

—Flora Ollison, Folsom + Dore Apartments

Curran House TNDC

apartments
+
retail

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“Being here gives me an opportunity for my family. Being able to garden here, to plant some beans, makes me feel connected to home.”

—Fidel Cazares, Curran House

Armstrong Senior BRIDGE Housing

senior housing
+
social services
+
retail

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“The concrete work here
is beautiful, just beautiful
and perfect.

That’s what I used to do—
concrete—and it’s
wonderful to still be
around it.”

—Clarence Watson, Armstrong Senior









“The rent is beautiful. Night and day. This is like paradise.”

—Richard Mabry, with building manager Woody Woodruff, on the day he moved in Armstrong Senior



“It’s nice here, very modern and elegant. Of course it’s an adjustment, but it’s good to be able to still live independently in the city near my family.”

—Rochelle Metcalf, with architect Kevin Wilcock,
Armstrong Senior





“I was living on the bench in that park across the street when they were building this place.

I woke up every morning and I pointed over here and said, that is going to be my home one day.”

—Jerry Benjamin, with Marilyn Johnson and dog Lexy, Armstrong Senior



Tassafaronga Village

Oakland Housing Authority

family housing

+

supportive housing

+

clinic

+

Habitat for Humanity

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“I love many things about the house that I call home. I can see how the buildings were designed to bring neighbors together and to develop safer neighborhoods for every resident of this beautiful city. One day I would be honored to do for others what you have done for me. I want to be able to design houses for the less fortunate.”

—Khawlah Al-olefi, 15, Tassafaronga Village



Acta Non Verba
Urban Youth Farm





“People didn’t used to want to leave their houses in the old days. Now parents feel safe dropping off their kids in the garden, and seniors help maintain the streets.”

—Kelly Carlisle, founder and Executive Director, Acta Non Verba Farm at Tassafaronga Village