

68 ft Buildings - why/what/how

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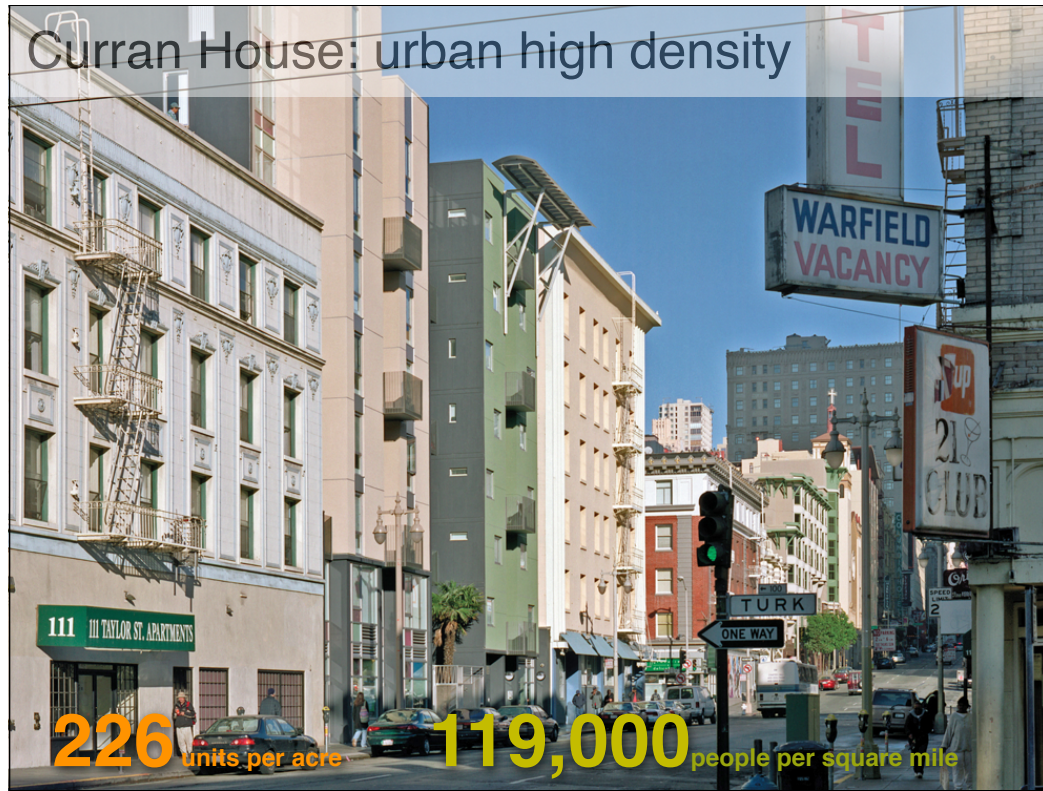
the sylvan garden suburb ideal



5 units per acre

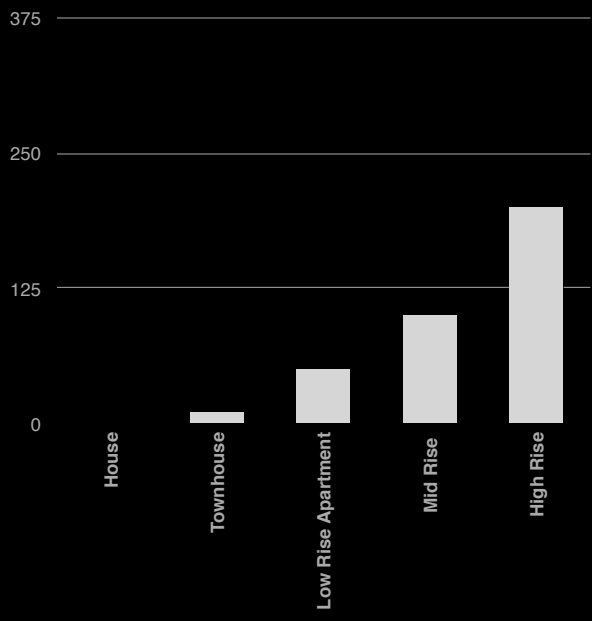
3,000 people per square mile

Curran House: urban high density



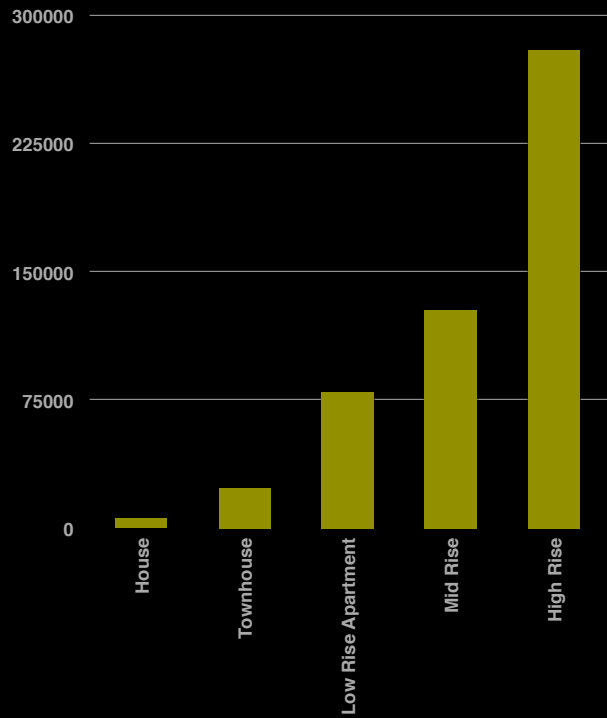
226 units per acre 119,000 people per square mile





Residential dwelling units per acre by type



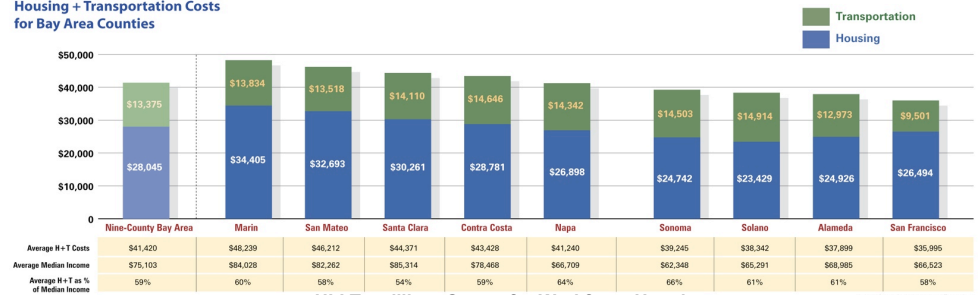


People per Square Mile by housing type



Why density?

Housing + Transportation Costs for Bay Area Counties



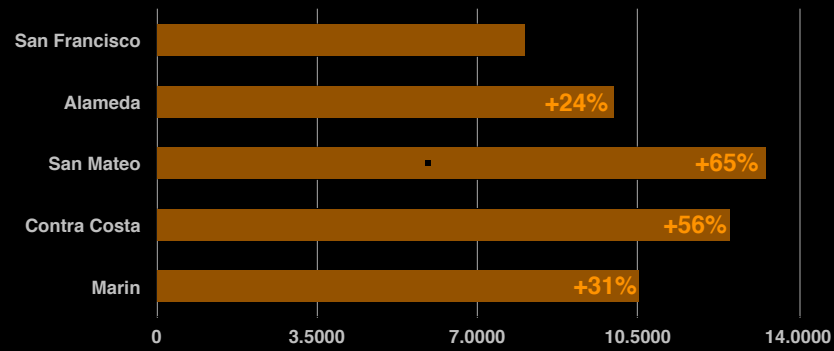
	Nine-County Bay Area	Marin	San Mateo	Santa Clara	Contra Costa	Napa	Sonoma	Solano	Alameda	San Francisco
Average H + T Costs	\$41,420	\$48,239	\$46,212	\$44,371	\$43,428	\$41,240	\$39,245	\$38,342	\$37,899	\$35,995
Average Median Income	\$75,103	\$84,028	\$82,262	\$85,314	\$78,468	\$66,709	\$62,348	\$65,291	\$68,985	\$66,523
Average H + T as % of Median Income	59%	60%	58%	54%	59%	64%	66%	61%	61%	58%

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affordability

Bay Area by County: carbon



Metric tons carbon per citizen in tons for residential and transportation uses



What does 68 feet height look like?

6 Story 200 Second Street, Jack London Square

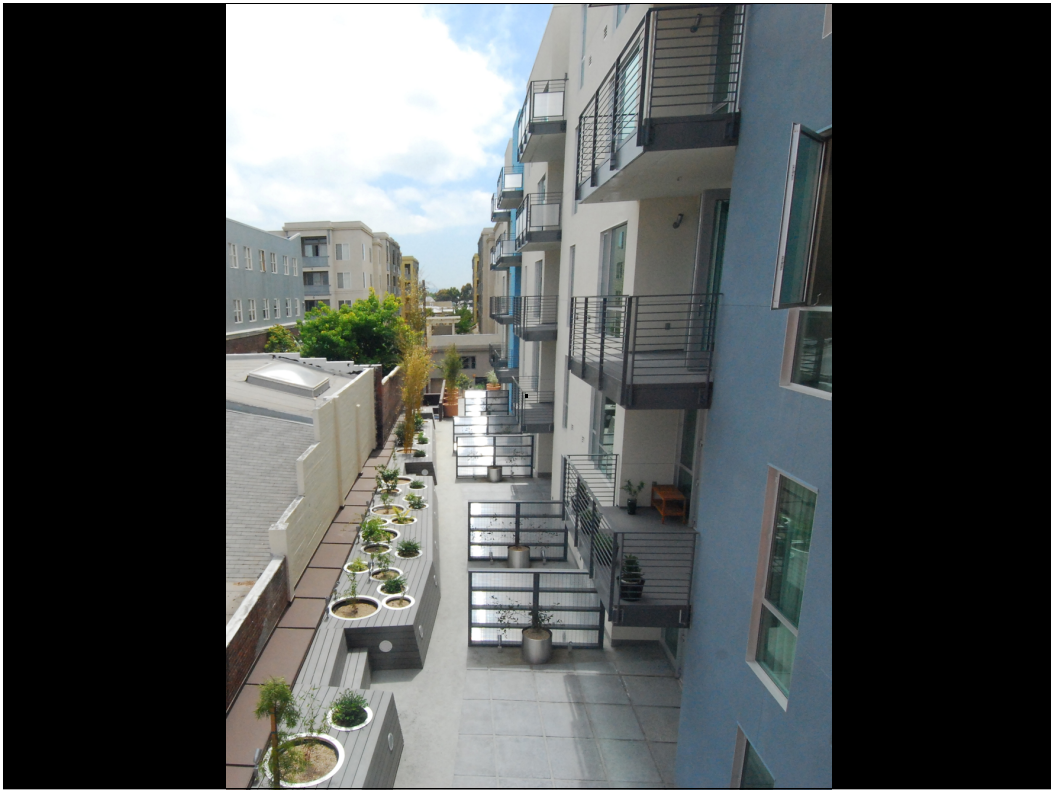


148 units per acre

79,000 people per square mile







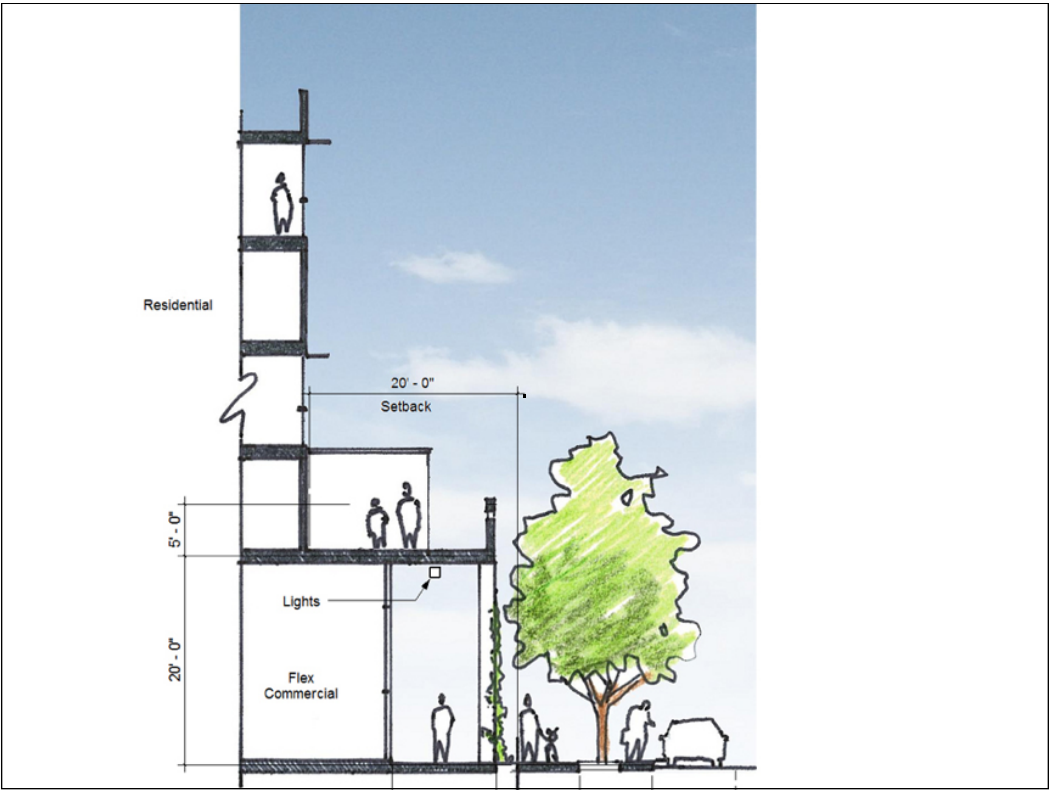


6 Story Union City BART Station District Housing



73 units per acre

39,000 people per square mile



6 Story 888 Seventh Street



105 units per acre

56,000 people per square mile









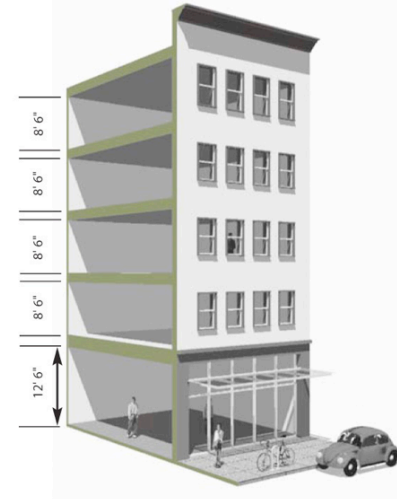
Why Increased ground level ceiling heights

CASE STUDY 2

50 FOOT EXISTING ZONING



50 feet



55 feet

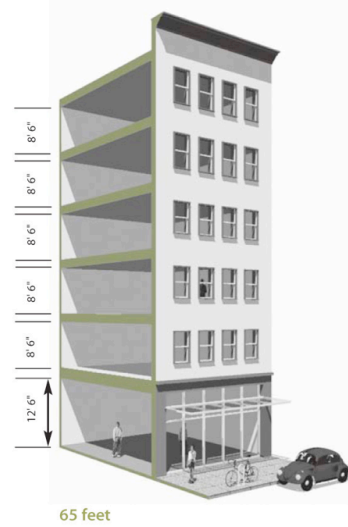
2004 SPUR paper

www.dbarchitect.com/ItsTheCeilingHeights

Why Increased ground level ceiling heights

CASE STUDY 3

65 FOOT EXISTING ZONING



68 ft Height allows an even better ground level height

Why Increased ground level ceiling heights

Higher ceiling heights at ground level, now mandated in some San Francisco districts under recent zoning:

Eastern Neighborhoods	14' floor to ceiling
Urban Mixed Use (UMU)	18' floor to ceiling



6 Story Daggett Place



99 units per acre

53,000 people per square mile



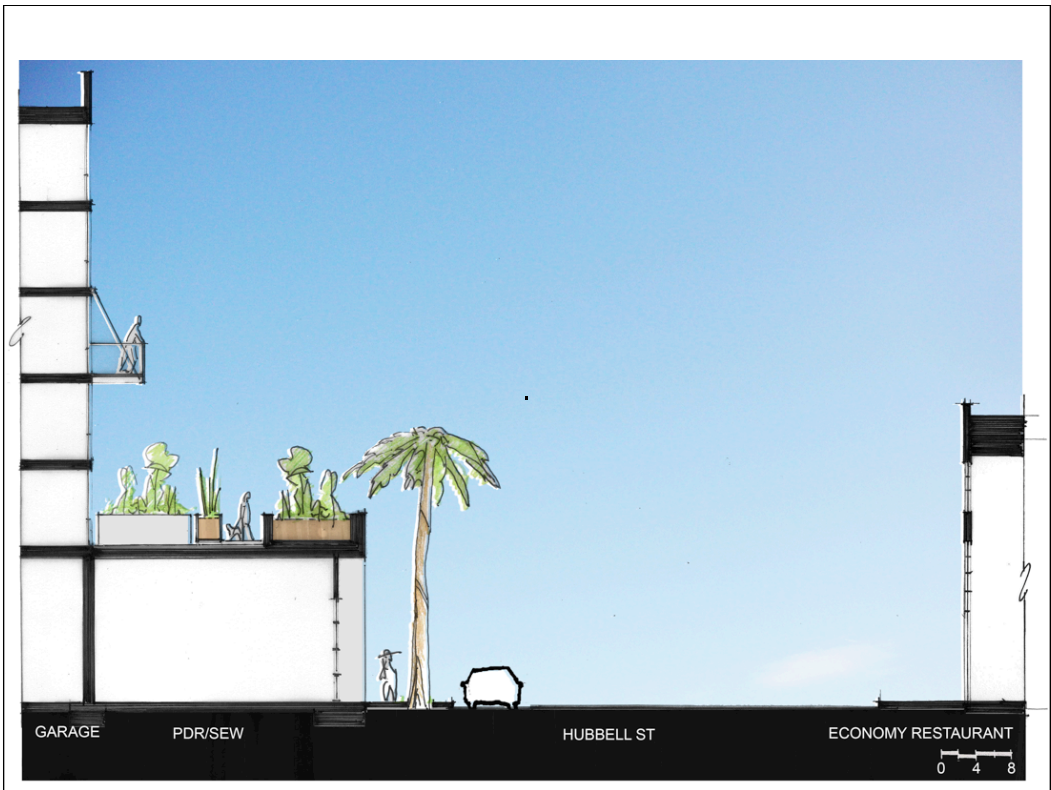




















How

International Building Code - IBC

(replaced the UBC with advantages for this type of building)



How

TYPE III allows 85 ft maximum height but only 5 stories without bonus exception of Type I ground floor

Ground floor residential allowed under new code (used to only allow parking (!), then commercial was added)



How

TYPE III Construction (wood)

Allows a wood frame building taller than regular Type 5 wood framing.



How

TYPE III Construction (wood frame)

Main difference from Type V wood frame:

Exterior walls need to 2 hr, or 4 layers of gypsum board, 2 inside, 2 outside



How

TYPE III Construction (wood frame)

More expensive than Type V wood frame:
recent framing costs on Dbarchitect projects of \$28 to \$32 per
SF for Type 3, about \$5 more than Type 5 wood frame.

This seems to usually work for the cost feasibility.



How

TYPE III Construction (light steel frame)

Can be light steel framing at additional cost of about \$5 over Type III wood with the advantage of lower mold potential.

Unclear if light steel version can be built at a reasonable schedule, lots of screws!

Why

Bottom Line:

1. Adds 20% more building to the same site
2. 6 story building at reasonable construction cost





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