Project Description

510 Folsom Street (aka, Transbay Block 9)

510 Folsom Street (aka Transbay Block 9) is a high-density, mixed-income/mixed-use residential project located between Folsom Street and Clementina Street, and between First Street and Ecker Street, within the boundaries of the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area. The 31,559 SF (.72 AC) site is located two blocks south of the future Transbay Transit Center. The approximately 729,240-square-foot structure will include 6700 square feet of retail space on Folsom Street, 6 floors of below grade automobile parking with 226 spaces, 2,400 square feet of public open space, and 9,800 square feet of roof top open space to be shared by all residents. (together, the "Building").

The Developer shall construct a Building which is 42 stories and includes 436 unit market rate units and 109 (or 20% of all units) below market rate units ("BMR Units") for a total of 545 units. The BMR Units will be located within the lower 21 floors of the Building and distributed among 311 market rate units. The BMR units will be affordable to households earning up to 50% of Area Median Income (AMI). The average size of all residential units is anticipated to be approximately 720 net square feet and the unit interiors for the BMR Units will be equivalent to the market rate units also located within the lower 21 floors.

The Building is envisioned to be an architecturally innovative and environmentally sustainable enhancement to the Transbay District, providing a variety of housing styles for a mix of incomes. The site design will connect new residents to the adjoining neighborhood with a pedestrian-oriented approach that enhances street life with multi-level open spaces and onsite gathering places, including a new midblock pedestrian connection through the site between Folsom and Clementina Streets, multiple retail entrances and a Plaza along Folsom, adjacent to the main building entrance with outdoor seating and lighting.

This Type I construction Building will be conceived as two mid-rise buildings that bracket a highrise tower, with low-rise townhomes that create an engaging edge along Clementina Street. The tower at Folsom is articulated into a series of shaded, glass, cubic volumes that are scaled to relate to the height and mass of the midrise buildings. Metal vertical fins and operable windows will help reduce solar heat gain, allow for natural ventilation, and further animate the building facades. These elements provide a unique architectural identity that will distinguish Block 9 as a residential community. All residents access the building through a single entrance on Folsom Street at the base of the tower. The two podium buildings, clad primarily in lightweight textured cementitious panels, provide a solid visual foundation for the lighter, more transparent glass tower. Along Clementina Street, the townhouse exteriors, while reminiscent of traditional San Francisco residential architecture with bay windows, is decisively modern. Open staircases provide individual entries while disability access is provided from First Street.

The Building will implement a host of sustainable design features working in harmony to reduce energy and water consumption while creating a healthy living environment and is committed to achieving a minimum LEED® Silver certification.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2015.