Pre-Approved Plans

A Head Start for Homeowners

Rebuilding Together Workshop May 3, 2025

What Are Pre-Approved Standard Plans?

- Architectural and structural plans that have been reviewed and approved by a local jurisdiction
- Plans are reviewed for non-property-specific zoning and building code compliance
- Use of pre-approved plans require development of a site plan and must demonstrate compliance with property specific requirements
- A property owner will need to contract with the designer that developed the plans to complete the permitting process



Benefits

- Streamlined and predictable review process
- Provides an alternative to a custom designed home
- Reduced design time
- Reduced cost



Limits

- Plans will not work for every property due to site-specific constraints. Verify a preapproved design can be used for your property before you contract with the designer
- Plans/designs cannot be customized after pre-approval
- Applicants should do their own due diligence. The pre-approval of a plan is not an endorsement of the designer/firm or their ability to complete the work they are contracted to do



Fire Rebuilds

- Pre-approved standard plans can be used for fire rebuilds in the communities impacted by the Eaton and Palisades fires
- Plans for Single-Family Residences (SFR) and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) can be submitted for pre-approval
- Plans are reviewed as non-like-for-like and must meet current zoning regulations
- Plans may qualify as like-for-like rebuilds



Workgroup

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- City of Pasadena
- City of Sierra Madre

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THE PEOPLE AND THE PLACE - ALTADENA, CA

138-Year-Old Community

Northeast of Los Angeles Nestled at the base of the San Gabriel Mts.

Quiet Foothill Town of 40,000 People

Eclectic mix of new and old

Beautiful verdant streets and neighborhoods

Historically Diverse Population

African American, Hispanic, Asian, European communities all contribute to historic and diverse representation in Altadena

Historically Diverse Architectural Character

California Craftsman, Spanish Revival, Tudor Revival, Norman Revival, Colonial Revival, Minimal Traditional, California Ranch, Mid-Century Modern all exist harmoniously throughout Altadena



THE EATON FIRE January 7th - 8th, 2025

Historic Windstorm

Reported wind gusts over 100 mph, Category II hurricane strength

Spark & Exponential Spread

6 hours after reported flames at 6:18pm Fire spread to over 1,000 acres

Tens of Thousands Evacuated

99,161 residents and 38,941 structures placed under evacuation orders or warnings

Continuous Battle to Save People & Place

Firefighters work 24 hours a day for 24 days until 100% containment achieved 14,021 acres burned



THE AFTERMATH

Fatalities & Injuries

18 confirmed fatalities, many of them elderly 9 firefighter injuries

Destruction & Damage

10,488 structures damaged or destroyed 6,354 residences affected

Demographic Displacement

Nearly 50% of the Black homeowner population in Altadena saw their homes destroyed

Valued Damage & Insurance Coverage

Total property and capital losses across LA valued upwards of \$164 billion Insured losses valued only at \$75 billion



THE FOUNDERS

Alex Athenson, AIA Cynthia Sigler, AIA

NW Pasadena Residents - Montana St. (1/2 block south of the Altadena border)

Licensed California Architects

Evacuated from home during Eaton Fire

Trained in regionally specific traditional design at the University of Notre Dame

Rebuilt their own 1947 traditional California Ranch Home



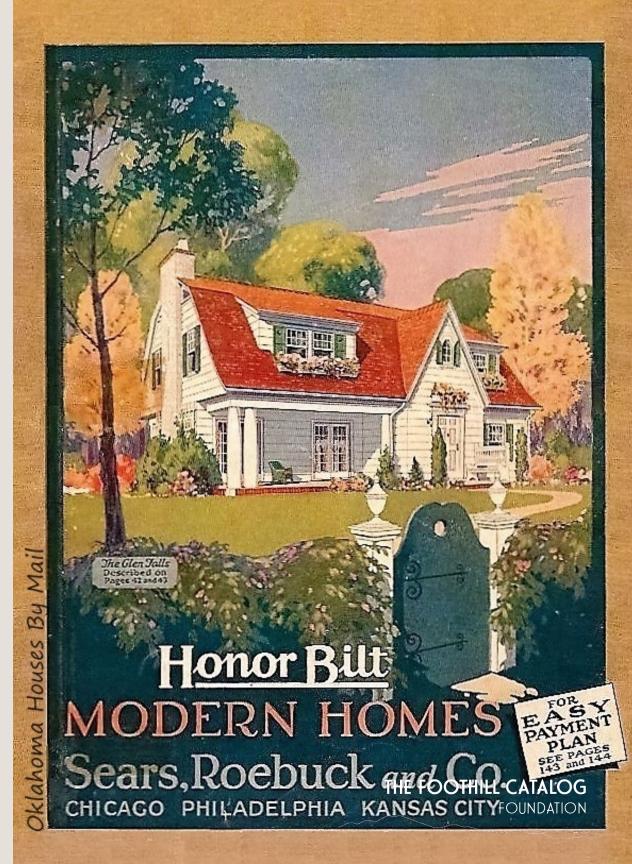
THE SOLUTION

The Foothill Catalog Foundation

A renaissance of the Catalog Home model popularized by Sears Roebuck and Co. in the 20th Century

Envisioned as a collection of affordable, working-class homes reflective of Altadena identity and heritage





THE THREAT



Loss of People

Time

Cost

Knowledge

Emotional Bandwidth



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Loss of Place

Historic Structures

Shared Heritage

Cultural Identity

THE PERMITTING PROCESS

DESIGN









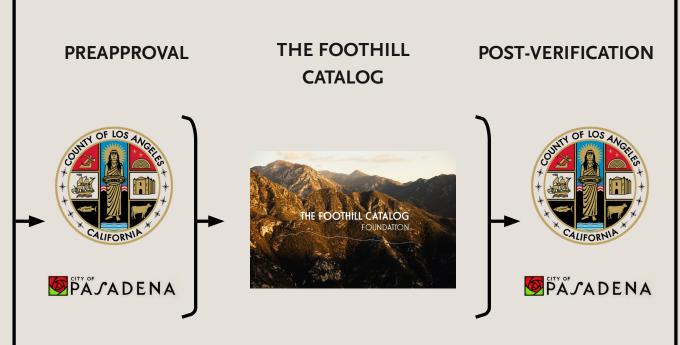












CONSTRUCTION





























THE FOOTHILL CATALOG DIFFERENCE

Typical Design-Bid-Build



1 - 3+ years



DESIGN

PERMITTING

BIDDING & NEGOTIATION

CONSTRUCTION

Preapproved Plans

- Community-Based Nonprofit Organization
- Streamlined Permitting
- Standard Plan Design Process
- Predictable Cost & Time Estimates
- Vetted Preferred Vendors
- Prefabrication of Materials & Assemblies
- Repeatability & Economies of Scale



3 - 4 months



6 - 10 months



DESIGN PRE CATALOG POST APPR. SELECTION VERIF.

95% cost savings

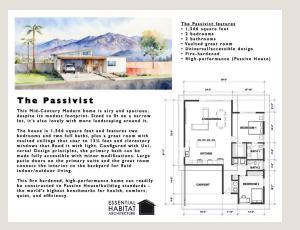
60% cost savings

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THE PROGRESS













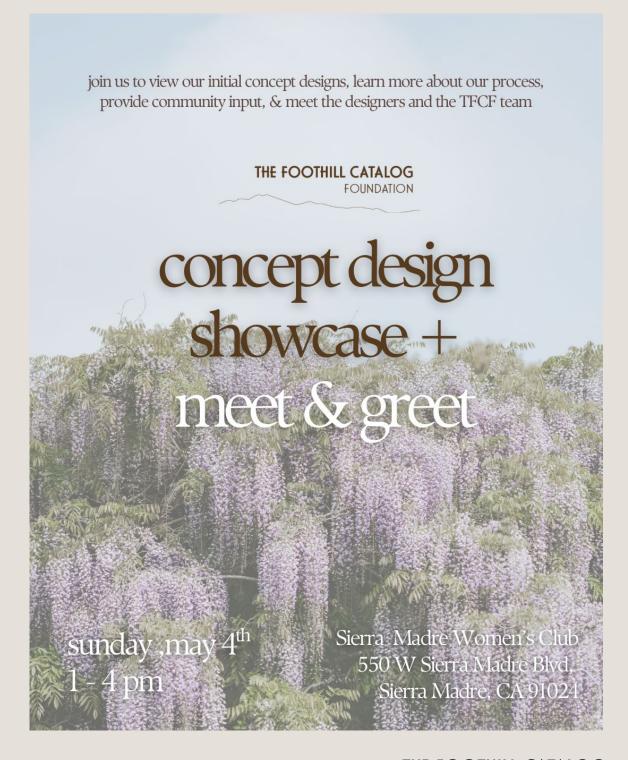








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THE COMMUNITY VISION "We are at a point in our lives where the rebuild time and cost are both major considerations. The vision I've read with the Foothill Catalog is heartening and encouraging. It seems like "I am interested in pre-permitted designs for rebuilding a dream come true to be able to put back on the property, an my house. My neighbors, 25 destroyed homes, are all authentic (with updates, etc) Craftsman house." interested in this venture. Thanks for doing this!" "When I saw the sketches and floorplans of the Spanish/Mediterranean, I burst into tears in the middle of the T-Mobile Store. It finally feels like rebuilding might be doable when I see these".

"I am an Altadena senior who home burned down in the Eaton Fire. I'm very concerned about being able to go through the rebuild process on my own. I would love to rebuild my bungalow, and the idea of working with a group, being able to select a pre-approved design, and having support to get through this process is very encouraging and potentially, much less stressful".

"This seems like a wonderful project, and thank you for prioritizing the architectural style of Altadena as we know it. Our family is eagerly following along".

"We absolutely love the mission of your organization. My husband Bill and I have lamented that it's not in our wheelhouse to design our own home. We want to be handed plans. We are definitely open to other designs (especially Mediterranean). We cannot wait to see what you

all come up with!"

"I am interested in learning more about this concept as you develop the catalog. I believe this may be the best and only way for me to rebuild".

'I think this is a fabulous idea and might allow many to rebuild who otherwise may be priced out".

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"Thank you for the update and for starting this project. It will help so many of us who are eager

to make our way back to Altadena".

"The process of rebuilding and trying to figure everything out oneself is so daunting that I often want to scrap it all and just move. I'm hoping that with the designs and guidance and community found within the Foothill Catalog, I will remain an Altadena til... Thank you all!"

THE FOOTHILL CATALOG FOUNDATION



Applicable Standards - LA County

Planning

- Subject to Title 22 Planning and Zoning Code
- Chapter 22.04 Rules for Provisions, Language, Measurement, and Interpretations
- ADUs are subject to both state and local requirements
- The unincorporated impacted areas have different standards
 - Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone
 - Foothills (Altadena and Kinneloa Mesa)





SUNSET MESA REBUILD

SUNSET MESA COLLECTIVE TOWN HALL

PRESENTED BY

SUNSET MESA COLLECTIVE | MGMT PARTNERS | M-RAD ARCHITECTURE

MADCH 2025

UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES

THE REALITY OF REBUILDING IN LA

- Skyrocketing construction costs averaging \$800 \$1,000 per sq. ft
- Insurance and financing hurdles making funding harder to secure
- Contractor shortages causing delays and quality concerns
- Skilled labor gaps driving up timelines and costs
- Supply chain issues with delays and material price spikes

WHAT HOMEOWNERS NEED MOST

- Faster rebuilding process for quicker home return
- Predictable budgets to avoid cost overruns
- Fire-resistant construction for long-term resilience
- Sustainable options like solar and battery storage for energy independence
- Smart materials and tech to reduce energy costs
- Adaptable designs for changing household needs

OUR SOLUTIONS

SCALABLE PRECISION-BUILT AND ON-SITE CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS

Streamlined Construction Process

Collective Cost Savings

Flexible Pricing Models

Bulk Material Procurement

Optimized Labor & Resources

Enhanced Quality Control

Sustainable & Resilient Design

END-TO-END PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Coordination with contractors, fabricators, and engineers

Optimized Logistics

Comprehensive Oversight

Risk Management & Compliance

Efficiency-Driven Scheduling

Cost Control & Budgeting

Quality Assurance & Execution

FIRE-RESILIENT & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLANNING

Defensible Space Design

Fire-Resistant Materials

Renewable Energy Integration

Passive Cooling Strategies

Water Conservation Systems

Optimized Energy Efficiency

Community-Scale Resilience

Rating System for Insurability

CORE PRINCIPLES

REBUILDING SMARTER, NOT JUST REBUILDING

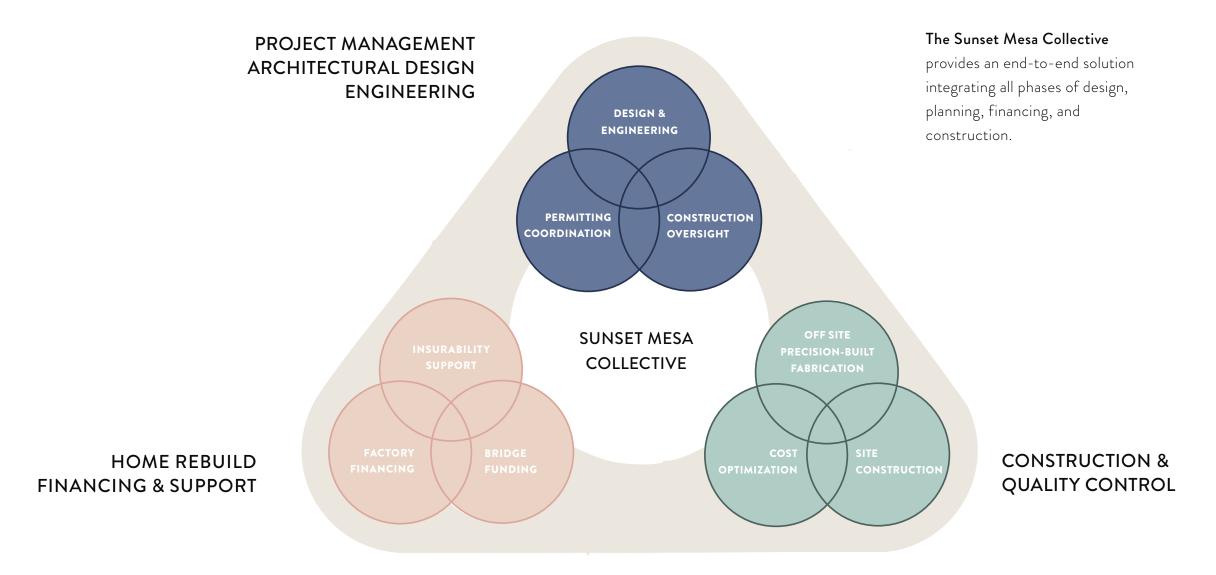
Our vision: A safer, modern, and desirable community.

CORE PRINCIPLES:

- Preserve Community Character
- Build Smarter, Faster, Cost-Effective
- Design for Sustainability and Resilience
- Improve Insurability Ratings



360° INTEGRATED APPROACH



SUNSET MESA COLLECTIVE



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FRANCOIS DE LAME SUNSET MESA RESIDENT



JENNIFER FITZGERALD SUNSET MESA RESIDENT

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SCALABLE PRECISION BUILT SOLUTIONS

CUSTOM PRECISION BUILT SOLUTIONS



PLANT PREFABRIALTO, CALIFORNIA



DVELESAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



BECC MODULAR

ANCASTER, ONTARIO



METHOD HOMES
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



LUCALANZETTA GROUP
INTERIOR DESIGNERS

POTENTIAL GENERAL CONTRACTORS (PRECISION BUILT)



HOWARD | CDM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



BUILDGROUPLOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



SWINERTON LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

O2 PERMITTING PROCESS AND CONSTRAINTS

PERMITTING PROCCESS AND CONSTRAINTS

TYPOLOGIES FROM 1965



PANORAMA HOUSE: PLAN A, B & E 3/4 BED 2/3 BATH

Gross Area: A= 2,020 sq. ft.; B= 2,050 sq. ft.; E= 2,300 sq. ft.

Like-for-Like 110% Max. Area: A = 2,222 sq. ft.; B = 2,255 sq. ft.; E = 2,530 sq. ft.

Garage Area: A= 460 sq. ft.; B= 430 sq. ft.; E= 430 sq. ft.

Levels: 1 Level

Height: 11' / 13' (Varies)



SPLIT LEVEL HOUSE: PLAN G & H 4 BED 3 BATH

Gross Area: G= 2,420 sq. ft.; H= 2,290 sq. ft.

Like-for-Like 110% Max. Area: G= 2,662 sq. ft.; H= 2,519 sq. ft.

Garage Area: G = 410 sq. ft.; H = 420 sq. ft.

Levels: 2 Levels

Height: 21'2-3/4



PATIO HOUSE: PLAN C 3 BED 2 BATH

Gross Area: C= 1850 sq. ft

Like-for-Like 110% Max. Area: C= 2,035 sq. ft.

Garage Area: C= 420 sq. ft.

Levels: 1 Level

Height: 11' / 13' (Varies)

SUNSET MESA REBUILD OPTIONS (COASTAL ZONE)

LIKE-FOR-LIKE UP TO 110% REBUILD

- **Definition:** Rebuild up to 110% of original size and height.
- **Benefits:** Fastest permitting (approx. 2–5 weeks) No zoning or setback updates required. Flexibility to slightly enlarge or modernize.
- Requirements: Up to 10% increase in floor area, height, or footprint allowed. Must document original size using permits, photos, or assessor data.

Coastal Commission review waived under Executive Order.

EXPANSION / NEW DESIGN

- **Definition:** Rebuild larger than 110%, add new stories, or significantly change layout or use.
- Benefits: Freedom to build something new. Not eligible for expedited permitting
- Requirements: Must meet all current zoning, setback, height, and land use regulations. May require public hearings and discretionary review.

Coastal Commission review will apply

Important Notes

- You can apply now even before debris removal is complete
- All rebuild types must comply with current Building, Fire, and Health & Safety codes
- Coastal Zones (like Sunset Mesa): Executive Order waives coastal review for like-for-like and 110% rebuilds only

03 DESIGN

FLEXIBLE CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS

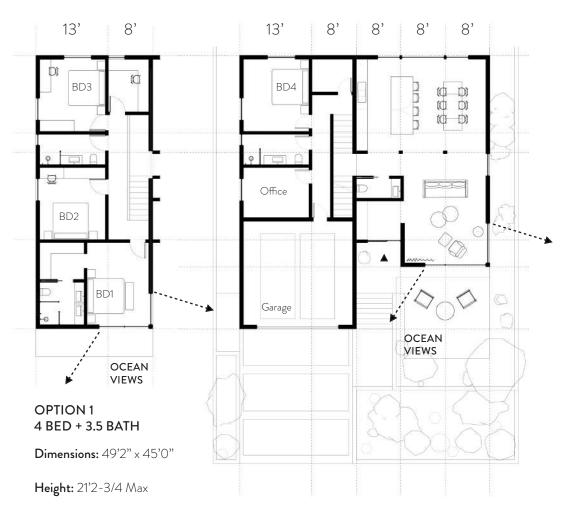
Standardized layouts help streamline construction and approvals, but flexibility remains a key part of our approach.

We'll work with each homeowner to thoughtfully adapt their home to the site's conditions and personal preferences. Customizable elements include:

- Mirrored Layouts to suit orientation, views and site conditions
- Garage Placement adapts to street-facing or patio-facing access
- Facade and Roof Variations for aesthetic diversity
- Window & Door Tweaks to enhance light, ventilation and spatial flow
- Material & Finish Options for cohesive personalization
- Room Positioning to maximize ocean views

DESIGN

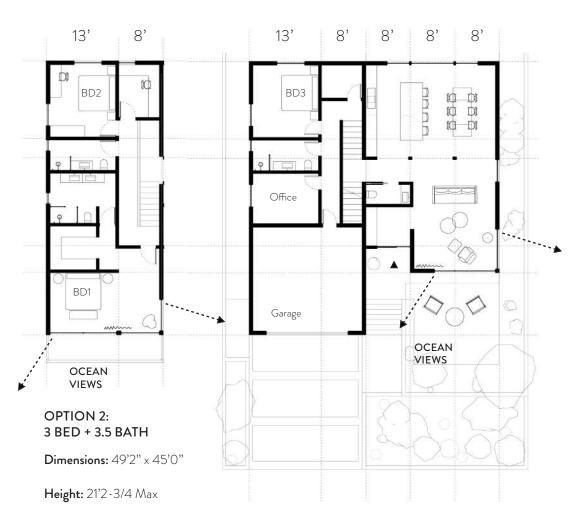
SPLIT LEVEL HOUSE



Gross Area: 2,515 sq. ft.

< Like-for-Like 110% Max Area (2,662 sq,ft,)

Garage Area: 420 sq.ft.

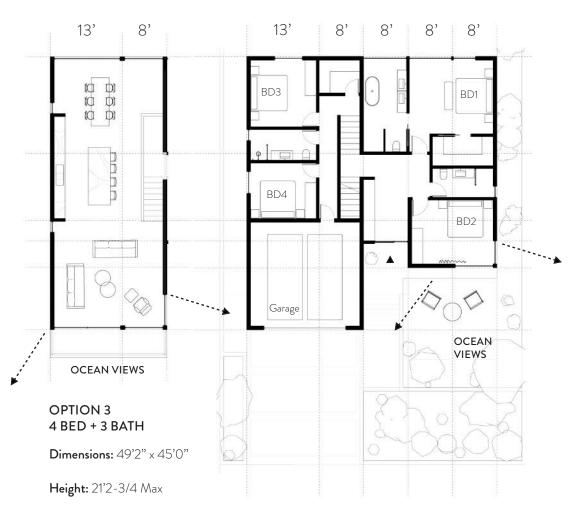


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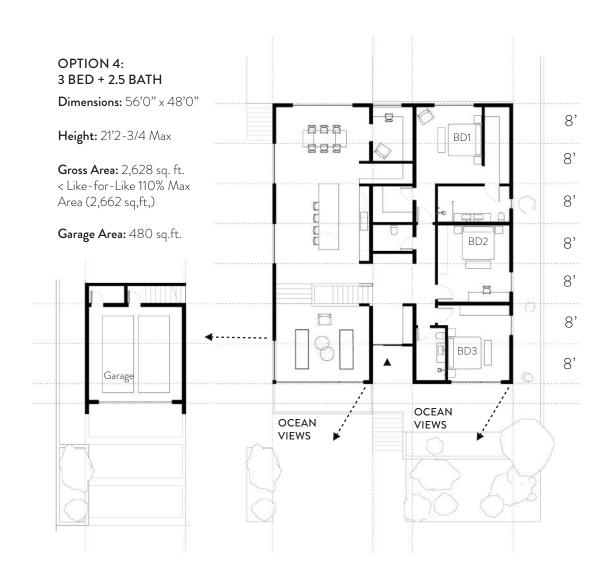
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SPLIT LEVEL HOUSE: MID-CENTURY EVOLUTION



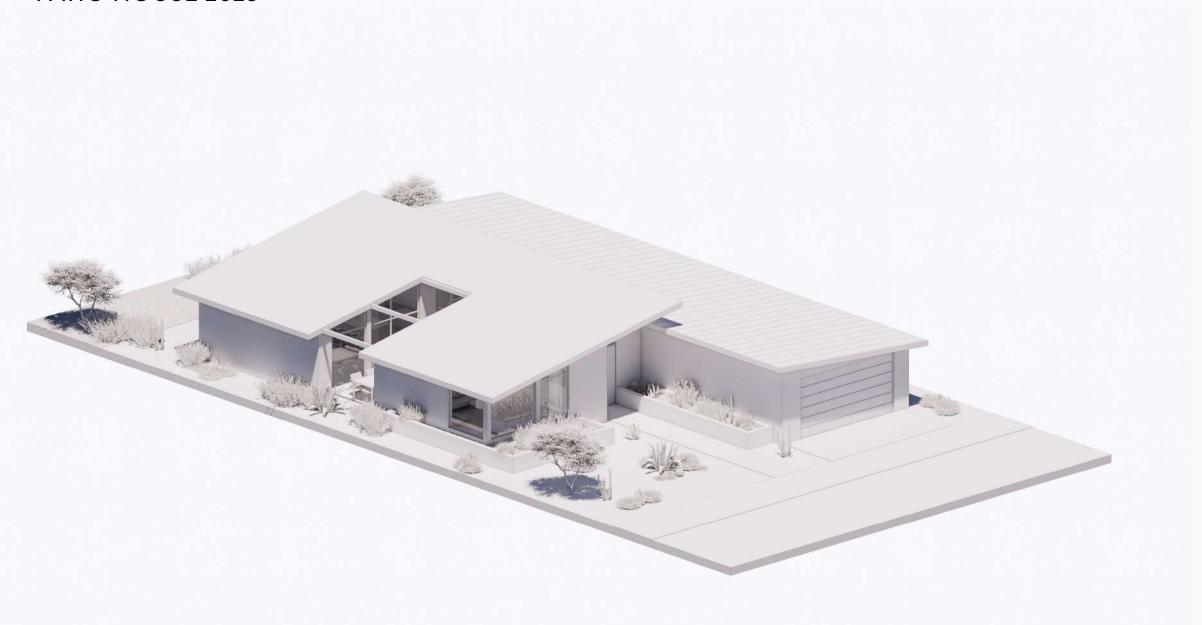
SPLIT LEVEL HOUSE: HORIZON PRECISION



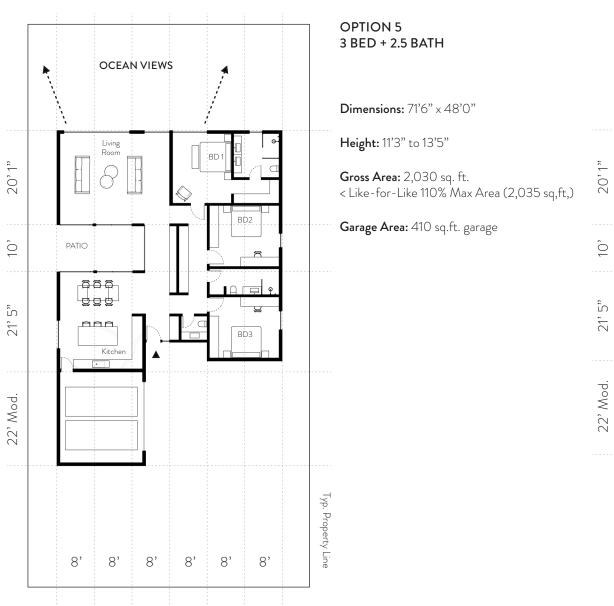
SPLIT LEVEL HOUSE: MODERN CLASSIC

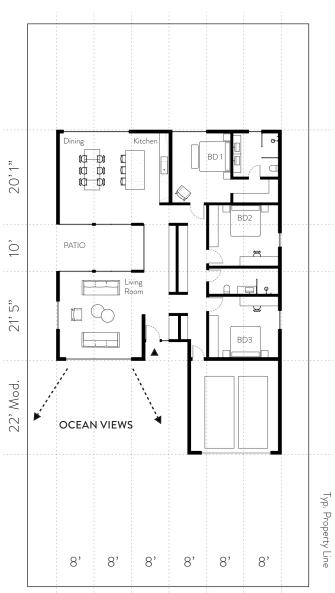


PATIO HOUSE 2025



PATIO HOUSE 2025





OPTION 6 3 BED + 2 BATH

Dimensions: 71'6" × 48'0"

Height: 11'3" to 13'5"

Gross Area: 2,030 sq. ft.

< Like-for-Like 110% Max Area (2,035 sq,ft,)

Garage Area: 410 sq.ft. garage

PATIO HOUSE: TANGERINE MID-CENTURY



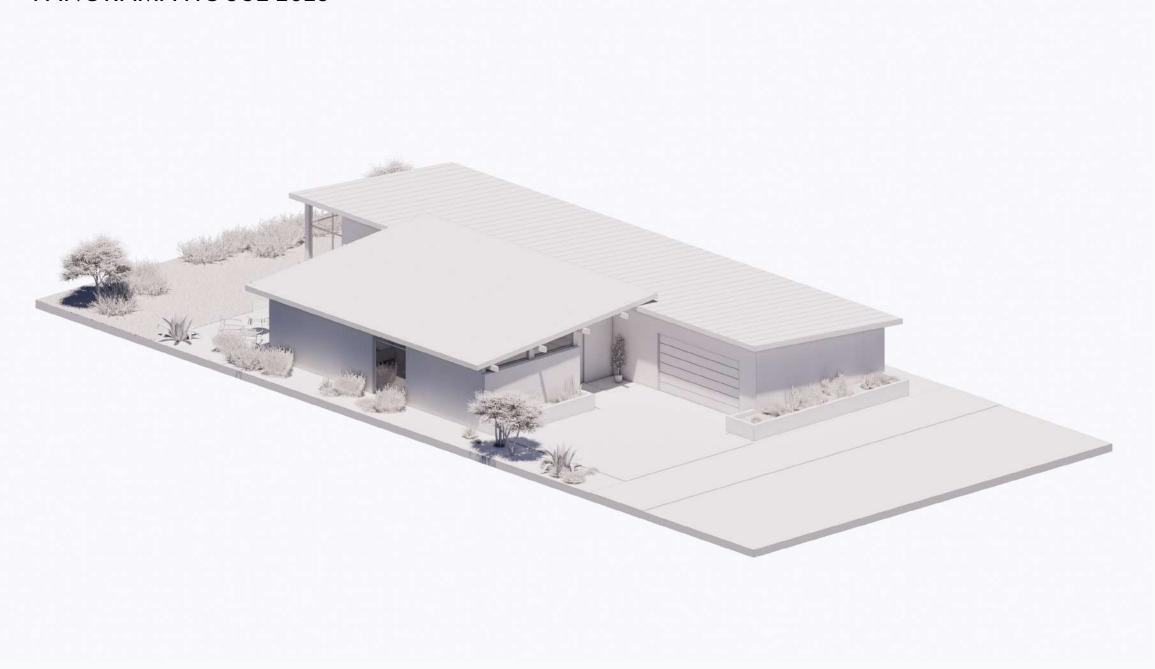
PATIO HOUSE: OLIVE OASIS



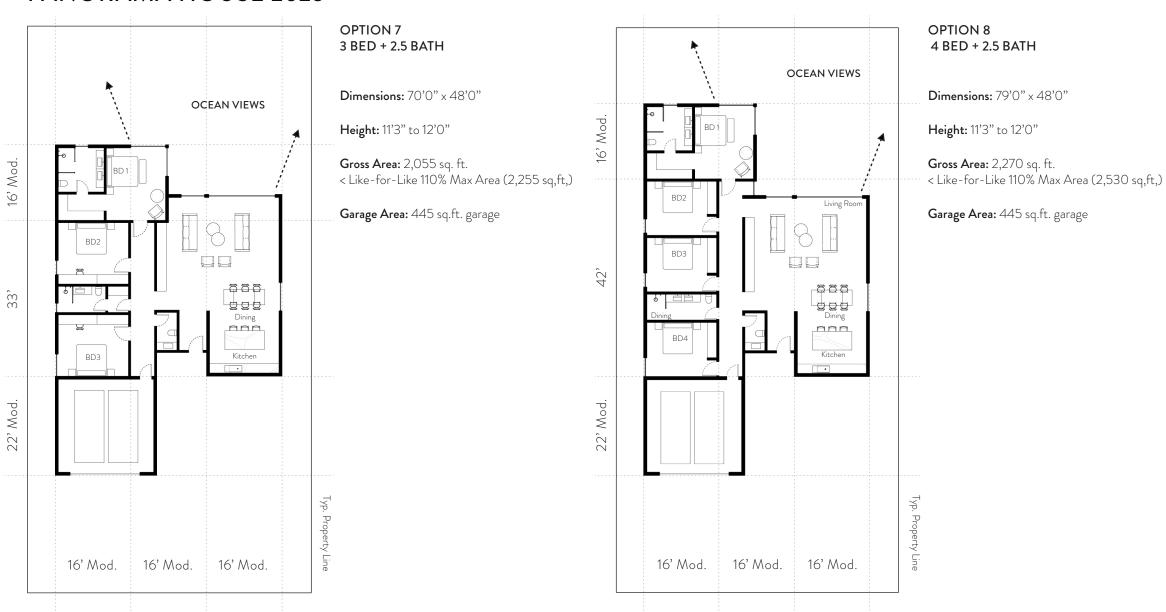
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PANORAMA HOUSE 2025



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PANORAMA HOUSE: MOD TRICOLOR



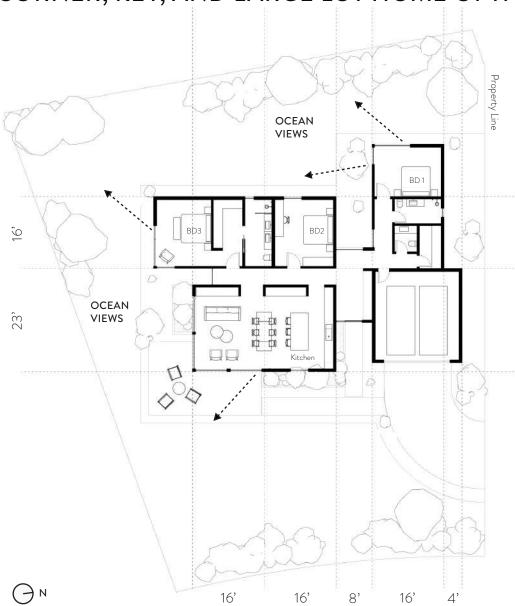
PANORAMA HOUSE: MESA INDIGO



PANORAMA HOUSE: PALM SPRINGS BLUE



CORNER, KEY, AND LARGE LOT HOME OPTIONS



CORNER LOT OPTION EXAMPLE 3 BED + 2.5 BATH

Dimensions: 68'8" x 50'4" (Subject to lot conditions)

Height: 12'3" (Subject to individual case study for CCR compliance)

Gross Area: 1,947 sq. ft. (Will vary depending on lot)

< Like-for-Like 110% Max Area

Garage Area: 420 sq.ft. garage



COMMUNITY VARIATION, CUSTOMIZATION



a. Split Level House



b. Split Level House



c. Split Level House



d. Panorama House



e. Panorama House



f. Patio House



g. Patio House



h. Panorama House



i. Patio House

...and many other variations as well!

INTERIOR KITCHEN AND BATHROOMS EXAMPLES







PREMIUM INTERIOR OPTIONS BY POLIFORM, MOLTENI&C & ERNESTOMEDA

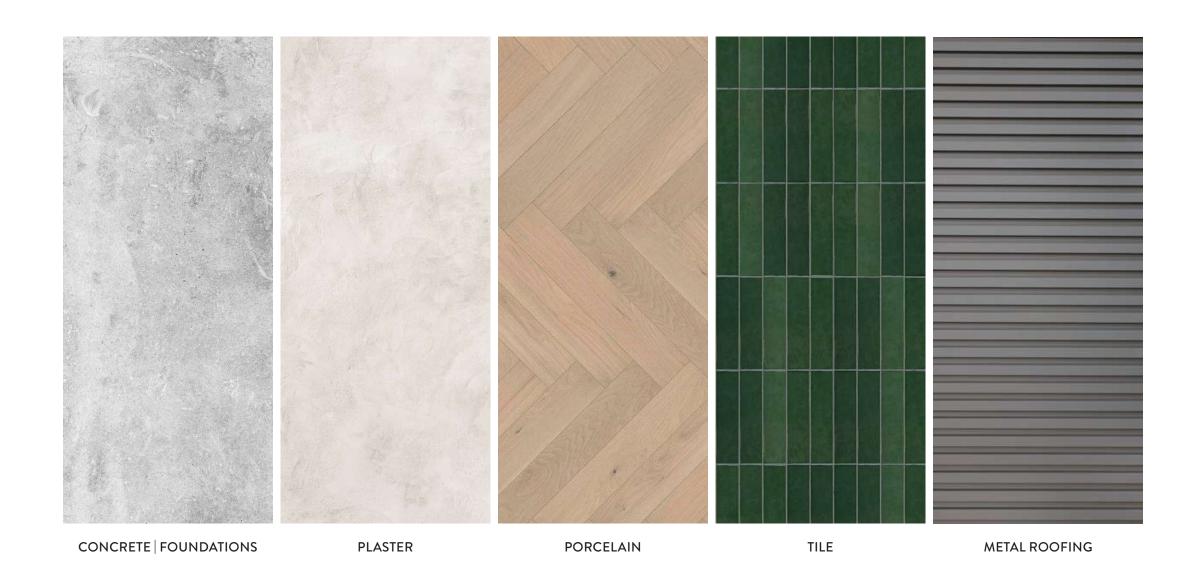






DESIGN

EXAMPLES OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE INTERIOR MATERIALS



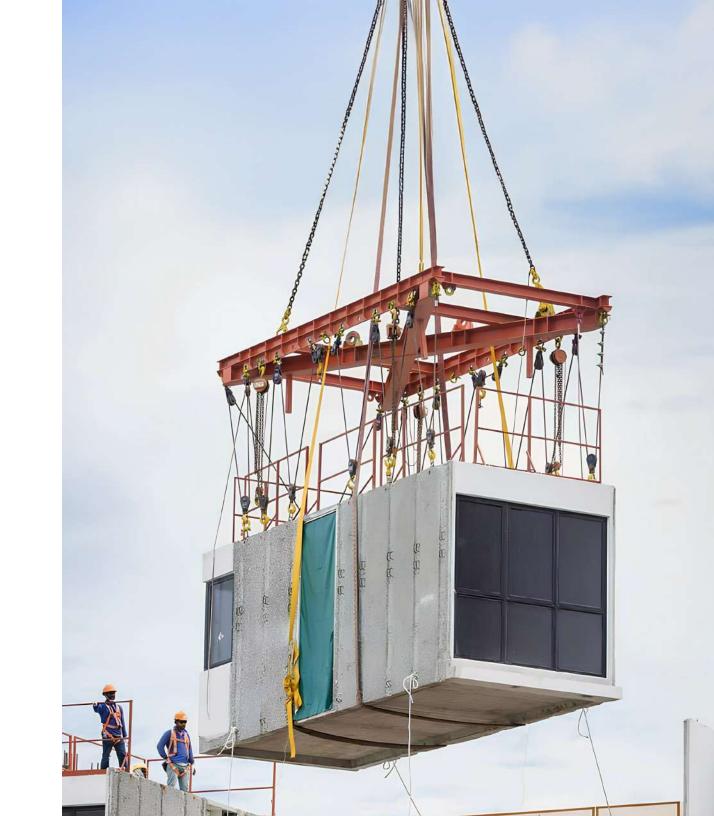
PRECISION BUILT

HYBRID MODEL: PRECISION & CUSTOMIZATION

- Precision and efficiency through factory built
- On-site customization for personal touches
- Flexible Construction using panelized systems for corners and larger lots
- Faster timelines
- Consistent quality from factory controls
- Fire-resistant and durable materials
- Sustainable design with low waste

360° APPROACH: FULLY INTEGRATED

- End-to-end managed from design to assembly
- Integrated material selection and production
- Factory-built components ensure consistency
- On-site work streamlined for efficiency



A LEGACY OF INNOVATION

- Precision-built homes trace their legacy to the 1949 Eames
 House near Sunset Mesa.
- With Decades of Evolution, today, modular design spans luxury homes, high-rises, and resilient housing.
- Technology-driven, factory-built with digital precision
- Built to exceed standards with fire-resistant, sustainable materials.
- A faster way to build



PRECISION BUILT EXAMPLES







O 5 A HOME BUILT TO LAST

FIRE RESILIENCE ADVISOR: NATE WITTASEK

EXPERTISE IN FIRE RESILIENCE ENGINEERING AND INSURANCE

- Leads fire resilience strategy from concept through implementation
- Specializes in structural hardening, defensible space, and wildfire mitigation
- Ensures fire-resistant materials and engineering best practices are integrated early in design
- Design and Engineering oversight of plans and specifications

FIRE RESILIENCE AND INSURANCE PLATFORM

- Conducts defensible space inspections and structural evaluations
- Helps homeowners meet insurance requirements and improve insurability
- Supports potential Firewise community certification for insurance benefits
- Provides educational resources for proactive fire risk management

ROLE IN THE SUNSET MESA COLLECTIVE

- Advises on fire resilience planning and insurance negotiations
- Helps integrate fire resilience measures into the community's rebuilding strategy
- Develops approaches for common infrastructure systems to enhance fire safety
- Supports long-term risk reduction and insurability for homeowners

A HOME BUILT TO LAST

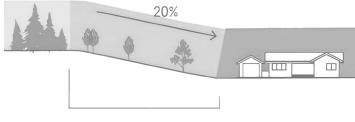
SITE PLAN

DEFENSIBLE ZONES

ZONE 0: Remove all combustible materials near the home, including mulch, flammable plants, and wood storage. Use gravel, concrete, or pavers to create an ember-resistant zone.

ZONE 1A (5-30 FT): Space shrubs and trees to prevent fire spread. Use fire-resistant plants like succulents and ornamental grasses, ensuring groupings are widely spaced.

ZONE 1B (30-100 FT): Thin vegetation, prune tree limbs 6-10 feet above the ground, and clear dead material. Maintain 10 feet between tree canopies and prioritize native plants for soil stability and erosion control.



ZONE 2 ZONE 1 - 100' TO 150' DEFENSIBLE SPACE

ZONE 0



A HOME BUILT TO LAST

RESILIENCE STRATEGIES

STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION

- Airtight Envelope: High-performance insulation shields against heat.
- Class A Roof & Insulation: Top-tier fire resistance.
- Laminated Windows & Doors: Prevent ember intrusion.
- WUI-Compliant Siding & Steel Structure: Durable, non-combustible materials.
- No Gas or Propane: Reduces fire risk.

ACTIVE FIRE DEFENSE

- Fire Sprinklers: Integrated suppression.
- Self-Powered Solar + Battery: Ensures backup power.
- Defensible Space & Fire-Smart Landscaping: Strategic fire mitigation.

EMBER-RESISTANT DESIGN

- Unvented Crawlspace, Roof & Eaves: Blocks ember entry.
- Airtight Envelope & Rainscreen: Seals gaps, enhances protection.

CENTRALIZED AIR SYSTEM

- Fewer Exterior Openings: Limits ember exposure.
- Smart Fire Dampers: Auto-sealing pathways.
- MERV 15 Filtration: Improves air quality.

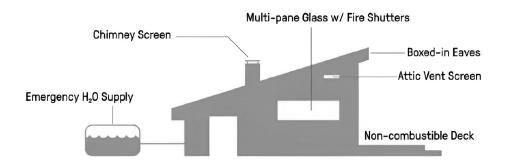
SUSTAINABILITY & EFFICIENCY (OPTIONAL)

- · Solar Integration & Collective Energy Grid
- Smart Energy Management Systems
- Solar-Ready Infrastructure

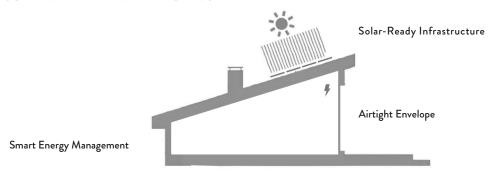
PARCEL PROTECTION



KEY STRUCTURE HARDENING ELEMENTS



SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENCY



A HOME BUILT TO LAST

FIRE-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION



NON-COMBUSTIBLE STEEL FRAME SYSTEMS

Homes eliminate wood framing entirely, reducing fire risks.



DUAL-PANEL TEMPERED GLASS WINDOWS

Provides thermal insulation and impact resistance to protect against extreme



FIREPROOF SKIRTING

Blocks embers from accessing the foundation and raised crawl spaces.



ACTIVE FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS

Built-in sprinkler systems ensure rapid response in case of a fire.



EMBER-RESISTANT VENT COVERS

Made from durable metal mesh with openings no larger than 1/8 inch to block



TITLE 24 STANDARDS

Meet or exceed California's stringent energy efficiency codes, offering superior insulation and materials that double as fire-resistant.



FIRE-RESISTANT TREATED WOOD SIDING

Meets strict ASTM E84 or E2768 fire test compliance for flame spread and smoke development.



FIRE-RATED EXTERIOR DOORS

Available in 20-minute or 90-minute fire-rated designs for wood or metal



NON-COMBUSTIBLE ROOFING

Metal, tile, or concrete roofing that resists ember ignition.

NEXT STEPS: HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1. SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE SUNSET MESA COLLECTIVE UPDATES (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY)

· Visit sunsetmesacollective.com

2. REVISIT THE TOWN HALL MATERIALS AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

· We'll be sending out the full presentation and recording so you can explore the vision and process in more detail.

3. SIGN UP FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY

· We'll be sending out the signup form in the coming weeks.

4. CHOOSE YOUR TYPOLOGY

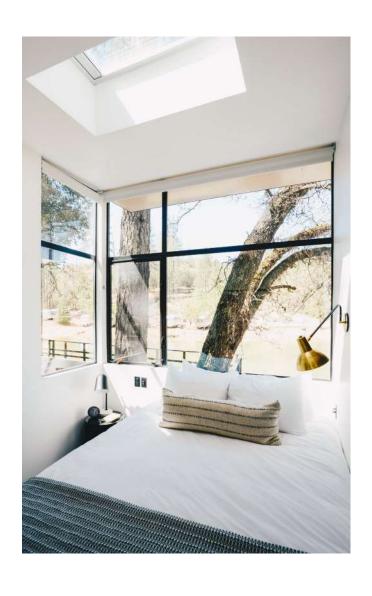
· Select from our layouts, and we'll begin customizing it to suit your lot, views, and lifestyle.

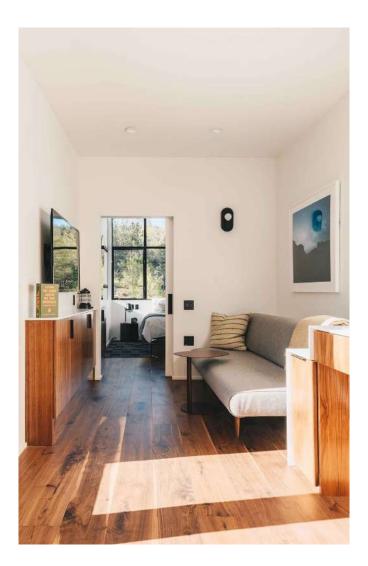
5. BEGIN THE DESIGN PHASE

· From Schematic design to survey coordination and fire resilience planning.



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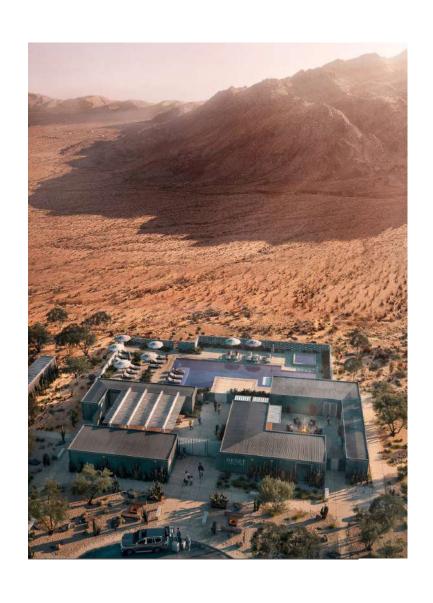


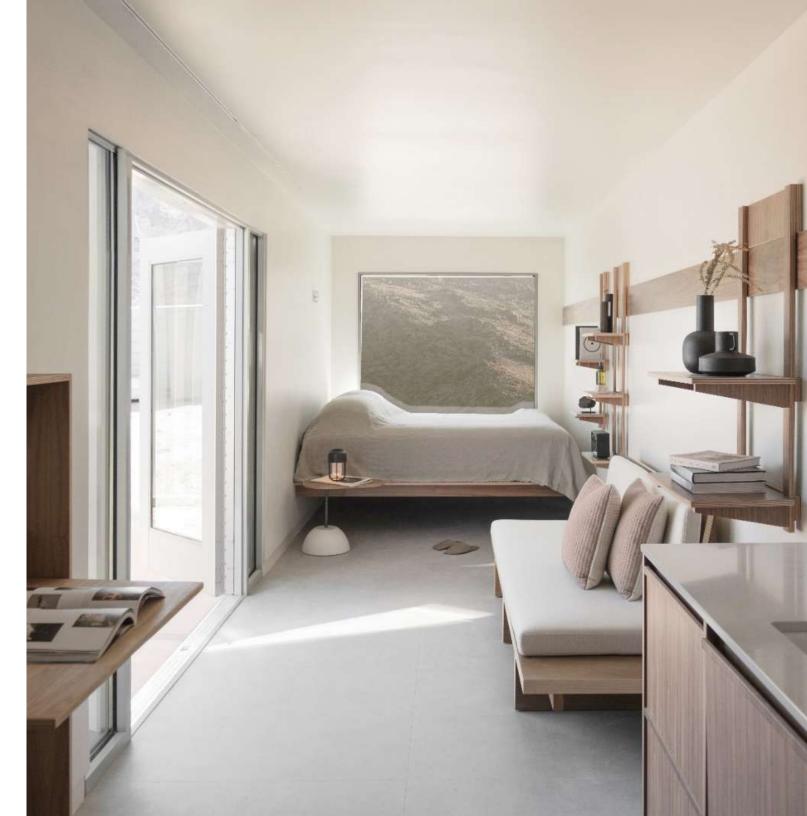






RESET HOTEL





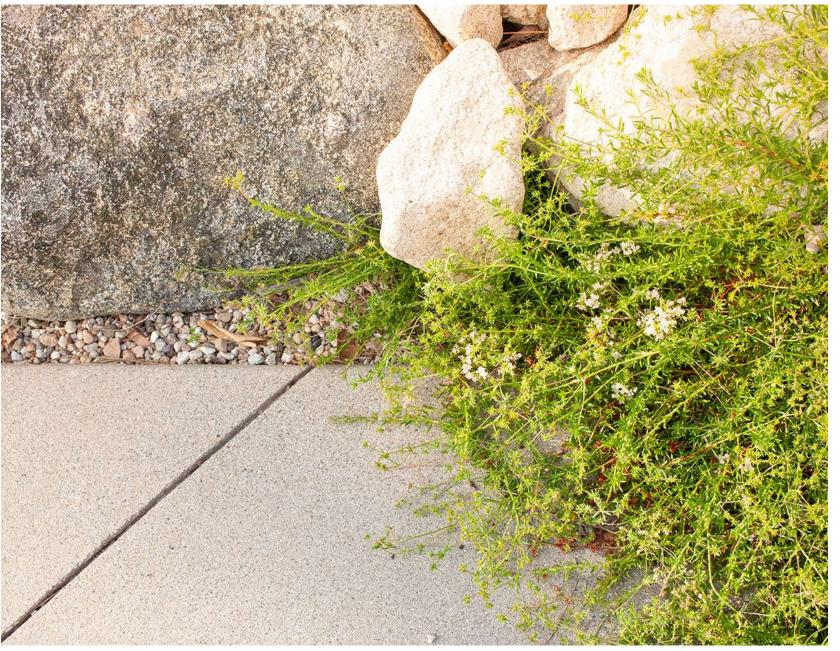


BEVERLY HILLS HYBRID HOME



















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LANDSCAPE: HORIZON GARDEN



Architectural Pairing
Split-level house

Clean lines, soft color, and layered views (informed by the Coastal Sage Scrub

community)

ZONE	DESIGN STRATEGY	PLANTS	MATERIALS
Zone 0 (0-5 ft)	Ember-resistant zone with gravel, boulders, and tight, low-growing plants.	Dudleya brittonii (Chalk Lettuce)Carex pansa (California Meadow Sedge)Eriogonum crocatum (Conejo Buckwheat)	Crushed granite Light angular boulders Permeable pavers or corten bands
Zone 1A (5–30 ft)	Layered, low shrubs and spaced groupings for both structure and softness.	 Salvia leucophylla (Purple Sage) Artemisia californica (California Sagebrush) Verbena lilacina (Lilac Verbena) Eriogonum cinereum (Ashy Buckwheat) 	Stabilized DG Low steel edging Spaced stepping pads
Zone 1B (30–100 ft)	Drift planting of grasses and resilient shrubs with long sightlines.	 Ceanothus 'Yankee Point' Rhus integrifolia (Lemonade Berry) Isocoma menziesii (Goldenbush) Elymus condensatus 'Canyon Prince' 	DG or native soil Natural rock groupings Mulch with wide spacing

LANDSCAPE: FOOTHILL GARDEN



Architectural Pairing
Split-level house

Structured wildness, sculptural massing, slopeadapted (informed by the Upper Chaparral and Foothill Transition Zone communities)

ZONE Zone 0 (0–5 ft)	DESIGN STRATEGY Strong mineral definition. Use linear stonework, low succulents, and fire-resilient form.	PLANTS - Dudleya lanceolata (Liveforever) - Eriogonum fasciculatum 'Theodore Payne' - Carex divulsa (Berkeley Sedge)	MATERIALS Warm-toned fractured granite Linear steel or stone planters Buff-colored DG or cobble
Zone 1A (5–30 ft)	Dense but tidy. Use sculptural forms and evergreen foliage with clipped edges.	Arctostaphylos glauca (Bigberry Manzanita)Ceanothus 'Dark Star'Salvia apiana (White Sage)Iris douglasiana	Boulders with framed gravel edges Geometric stepping pads Mulch with mineral break lines
Zone 1B (30–100 ft)	Softer, sweeping. Transition to bunchgrasses, lower-maintenance natives, and rock outcroppings.	 Muhlenbergia rigens (Deergrass) Ribes indecorum (White-flowering Currant) Elymus glaucus (Blue Wild Rye) Cercis occidentalis (Western Redbud) 	Boulder groupings at slope transitions Naturalized stone paths Stabilized soil zones

LANDSCAPE: RIDGE GARDEN



Architectural Pairing
Patio house

ZONE	DESIGN STRATEGY	PLANTS	MATERIALS
Zone 0 (0–5 ft)	Shield the home with mineral massing and sculptural evergreens. Protect patios with clear zones.	- Arctostaphylos 'John Dourley' (Dwarf Manzanita)- Dudleya pulverulenta- Carex tumulicola (Foothill Sedge)	Weathered boulders in gravel or DG Stone or corten planters Permeable pavers
Zone 1A (5–30 ft)	Layer dense but pruned shrubs with textural contrast and pollinator support.	Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case'Salvia melliferaEriogonum fasciculatum	Native mulch with gravel accents Stepping stone paths Boulder framing for outdoor rooms
Zone 1B (30–100 ft)	Soften with flowing grasses and wild edge plants. Use structure to retain slopes or screen views.	- Muhlenbergia rigens- Ribes indecorum- Quercus berberidifolia- Baccharis pilularis	Swales with stone or gravel Fire-safe fence offsets Textural mulch & terracing stones

Earth intimacy, layered protection, seasonal expression (informed by the Chaparral community)

ZONE

LANDSCAPE: SHELTER GARDEN

DESIGN STRATEGY



PLANTS

Architectural Pairing
Patio house

community)

facing calm (informed by the Oak woodland

Zone 0 (0–5 ft)	Mineral surface with tucked-in wood- land plants. Create rhythm with stone, shadow, and form.	Iris douglasiana (Douglas Iris)Heuchera maxima (Island Alum Root)Carex tumulicola	Basalt or dark granite boulders DG with fine gravel top layer Natural stone pavers
Zone 1A (5–30 ft)	Layered evergreen understory with cool foliage and subtle flowering.	 Ribes indecorum (White-flowering Currant) Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case' Salvia spathacea (Hummingbird Sage) Iris douglasiana 	Woodland mulch with cobble perimeter Flagstone paths Built-in seating or low stone walls
Zone 1B (30–100 ft)	Transition to open edge with dappled sun, birdsong, and habitat value.	 Quercus agrifolia (Coast Live Oak) Muhlenbergia rigens (Deergrass) Diplacus aurantiacus (Sticky Monkeyflower) Asclepias fascicularis (Narrowleaf Milkweed) 	Stone-lined swales Split-rail or wood fences Organic mulch with open plant groupings

LANDSCAPE: ARROYO GARDEN



ZONE	DESIGN STRATEGY	PLANTS	MATERIALS
Zone 0 (0–5 ft)	Open mineral surfaces and dry creek features. Define flow while resisting embers.	Juncus patens (California Gray Rush)Eriogonum fasciculatum 'Warriner Lytle'Festuca 'Siskiyou Blue'	Rounded cobble and DG Concrete or stone banding Subsurface infiltration trench
Zone 1A (5–30 ft)	Blend structure and softness. Grasses, low shrubs, and embedded boulders.	Platanus racemosa (Western Sycamore)Muhlenbergia dubia (Pine Muhly)Salvia clevelandii (Cleveland Sage)Penstemon spectabilis	Dry-laid stone edging Crushed rock mulch Swale-lined pathways
Zone 1B (30–100 ft)	Naturalize the edge. Plant for erosion control, pollinators, and seasonal shifts.	 Elymus triticoides (Creeping Wild Rye) Baccharis pilularis (Coyote Brush) Encelia californica (California Brittlebush) Artemisia tridentata (Big Sagebrush) 	Rock terraces or check dams Infiltration basins Natural mulch and seasonal color

Broad transitions, flowing patterns, natural arroyos (informed by the Alluvial scrub community)

LANDSCAPE: SERPENTINE GARDEN



Architectural Pairing
Panorama house

ZONE	DESIGN STRATEGY	PLANTS	MAT
Zone 0 (0–5 ft)	Keep low, lean, and mineral. Punctuate with bold foliage and architectural forms.	Dudleya cymosa (Canyon Dudleya)Eriogonum nudum (Naked Buckwheat)Carex praegracilis	Clear Dark Steel
Zone 1A (5–30 ft)	Textural massings. Use drought-tolerant perennials and grasses in sweeping compositions.	Stipa pulchra (Purple Needlegrass)Clarkia unguiculata (Elegant Clarkia)Asclepias fascicularis (Narrowleaf Milkweed)Salvia apiana	Grave Crus Steel
Zone 1B (30–100 ft)	Meadow-like composition with height variation and habitat structure.	Achillea millefolium (Yarrow)Elymus glaucus (Blue Wild Rye)Zauschneria californica (CA Fuchsia)Solidago californica (Goldenrod)	Split Bould Orga

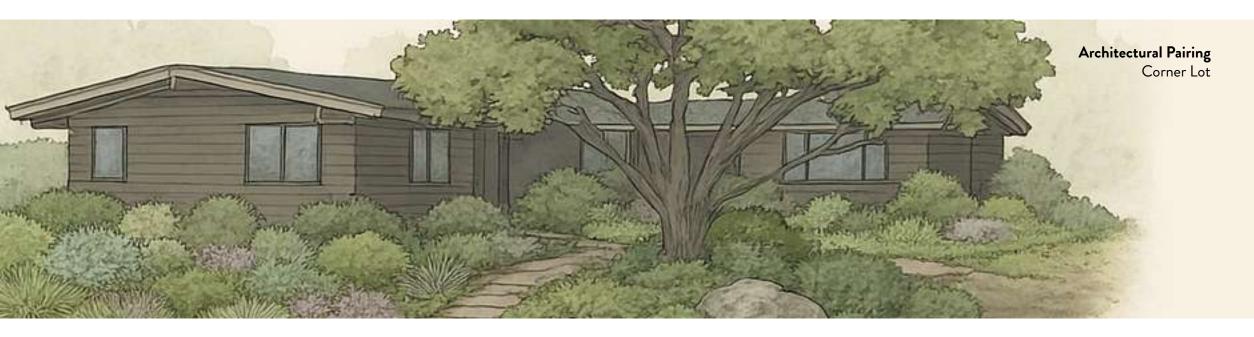
MATERIALS

Clean DG, flagstone pads Dark boulders or split serpentine rock Steel edging with gravel

Gravel mulch, open spacing Crushed serpentine rock Steel or stone seat walls

Split rail or wildlife-friendly fencing Boulder clusters Organic mulch or native soil topdress Sculptural grassland, rare textures, seasonal show (informed by the California Mesic Serpentine Grassland communities)

LANDSCAPE: CANOPY GARDEN



ZONE	DESIGN STRATEGY	PLANTS	MATERIALS
Zone 0 (0–5 ft)	Low-growing herbaceous tex- tures, no mulch, subtle mineral edge near foundation.	Heuchera maxima (Island Alum Root)Iris douglasiana (Douglas Iris)Carex pansa	Light-colored DG Split stone pavers Oak-leaf-shaped steel edging
Zone 1A (5–30 ft)	Layer cool evergreen massings with seasonal flowers. Shade-tol-erant and fire-resilient.	 Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case' Ribes viburnifolium (Evergreen Currant) Salvia spathacea Polystichum munitum (Western Sword Fern) 	Natural mulch with gravel buffer Winding flagstone paths Seatwalls or dry-stack edges
Zone 1B (30–100 ft)	Loosen structure, allow space for birds and wildlife in layered understory.	Quercus agrifolia (Coast Live Oak)Muhlenbergia rigens (Deergrass)Lonicera hispidula (CA Honeysuckle)Monardella villosa (Coyote Mint)	Organic mulch Wildlife-friendly fencing Moss rock groupings at edges

Understory refuge, dappled shade, living boundaries (informed by the Southern Oak Woodland community)

LANDSCAPE: VEIL GARDEN



Architectural Pairing
Corner Lot

Soft edges, filtered light, movement & flow (informed by the Riparian community)

ZONE	DESIGN STRATEGY	PLANTS	MATERIALS
Zone 0 (0–5 ft)	Clean perimeter with mineral materials and soft herbaceous growth.	Juncus patens (California Gray Rush)Verbena lilacina (Lilac Verbena)Carex praegracilis	DG or gravel mulch Flagstone ribbons or steel-edged bands Light boulder accents
Zone 1A (5–30 ft)	Layer tall perennials and grasses to catch the breeze and soften views.	 - Epilobium canum (CA Fuchsia) - Muhlenbergia capillaris (Pink Muhly) - Helenium puberulum (Sneezeweed) - Juncus effusus (Soft Rush) 	Crushed rock paths Swale curves Open planting pockets
Zone 1B (30–100 ft)	Let the garden drift. Use sweeps of grasses and nectar-rich perennials.	 Solidago californica (Goldenrod) Monardella villosa (Coyote Mint) Asclepias fascicularis (Milkweed) Ribes aureum (Golden Currant) 	Boulder-lined swales Split rail fencing Native mulch or unplanted openings

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Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone

- Subject to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program (LIP)
- Pre-Approval Requirements
 - Materials
 - o Form
 - Height
 - Parking



Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone

- Property Specific LIP Requirements
 - Building Site Area (25%)
 - Structure Siting
 - Yard Setbacks
 - Screening
 - Fences, Gates, and Walls
 - Landscaping
 - Grading



Foothills

- General Site Regulations 22.110
- Residential Design Standards 22.140.520
- Altadena Community Standards District (CSD) 22.306



Foothills

- Pre-Approval Requirements
 - Height
 - Parking
 - Access
 - Ground Floor Treatment
 - Building Articulation
 - Façade Details



Foothills

- Property Specific Requirements
 - Yard Setbacks
 - Height and Step backs
 - Gross Structural Area and Lot Coverage
 - Fence and Walls
 - Landscaping
 - Parking Location
 - Building Separation and Encroachments



Building Code Requirements

- Title 26 Building Code
 - Residential Code
 - Green Building Standards
- Fire Hazard Severity Zone
 - Chapter 7A Materials and Construction Methods for Exterior Wildfire Exposure



Building Code Requirements

- Structural design criteria limitations:
 - Hillside Properties (3:1 Slope or Steeper)
 - Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (Foothills only)
 - Geologic Hazard Zones
 - Methane Gas Hazard Zone
 - Flood Hazard Zone
 - Restricted Use Areas (including Easements)
 - Septic System Areas



Submittal Process - Pre-Approval

- Submit plans through EPIC-LA or In-Person
- Use a DRP-Base Application-Permits & Reviews for online submittal and attach:
 - Plans (Floor Plan and Elevations)
 - Supplemental Form
 - Fact Sheet
- No fee required by LA County Planning for review of standard plan

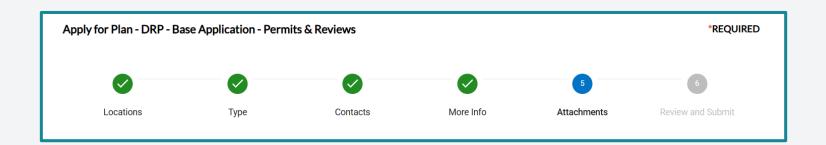




Submittal Process - Pre-Approval

EPIC-LA

- Address: 320 W Temple Street, Los Angeles
- Project Description: "Fire Rebuild Master Plan"
- Property Specific Questions: Enter "N/A" or "0"
- Attachments: Attach three (3) required items in any order





Submittal Process - Pre-Approval

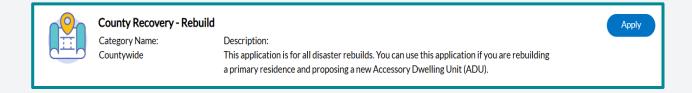
Building and Safety Division (BSD)

- Applicants will be referred to BSD by LA County Planning.
- Required items:
 - Architectural Plans
 - Structural Plans
 - Engineering calculations
- Subject to plan check fees
- After BSD approval, plan will be added to County pre-approved catalog



Submittal Process - Fire Rebuilds

- Submit via EPIC-LA or In-Person
- Use a County Recovery Rebuild (CREC) Application to submit online and attach:
 - Site Plan
 - Proof of Ownership
 - Acknowledgement Form



- For project Description enter "Standard Plan Fire Disaster Rebuild Pre-Approved Design (Name and Number)"
- LA County Planning will attach the selected pre-approved standard plan to site plan
- Application will be charged a review fee based on type of review



Submittal Process - Fire Rebuilds

Review Type

- Foothills
 - Like-for-Like/Non-Like-for-Like Ministerial Site Plan Review
- Coastal
 - Like-for-Like Ministerial Site Plan Review
 - Non-Like-for-Like Administrative Coastal Development Permit



Submittal Process - Fire Rebuilds

- After Planning clearance, CREC application will be forwarded to BSD
- Additional review fee required by BSD
- Complete BSD package includes:
 - Architectural Plans
 - Structural Plans
 - Engineering calculations
 - Energy Calculations



Like-for-Like Rebuilds

- Pre-approved designs are reviewed as non-like-for-like rebuilds
- Designs may qualify for <u>like-for-like</u> rebuilds in some circumstances:
 - Design must substantially match the square footage, footprint, height, and location of the lost structure
 - Coastal: A 10% increase is allowed
 - o Foothills: A 200 sq. ft. or 10% increase, whichever is greater, is allowed.
 - Like-for-like does not apply to architectural style of a residence
 - Like-for-like applies to zoning requirements only



Upcoming workshop

Like-for-Like and Why It Matters for Unincorporated LA County

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

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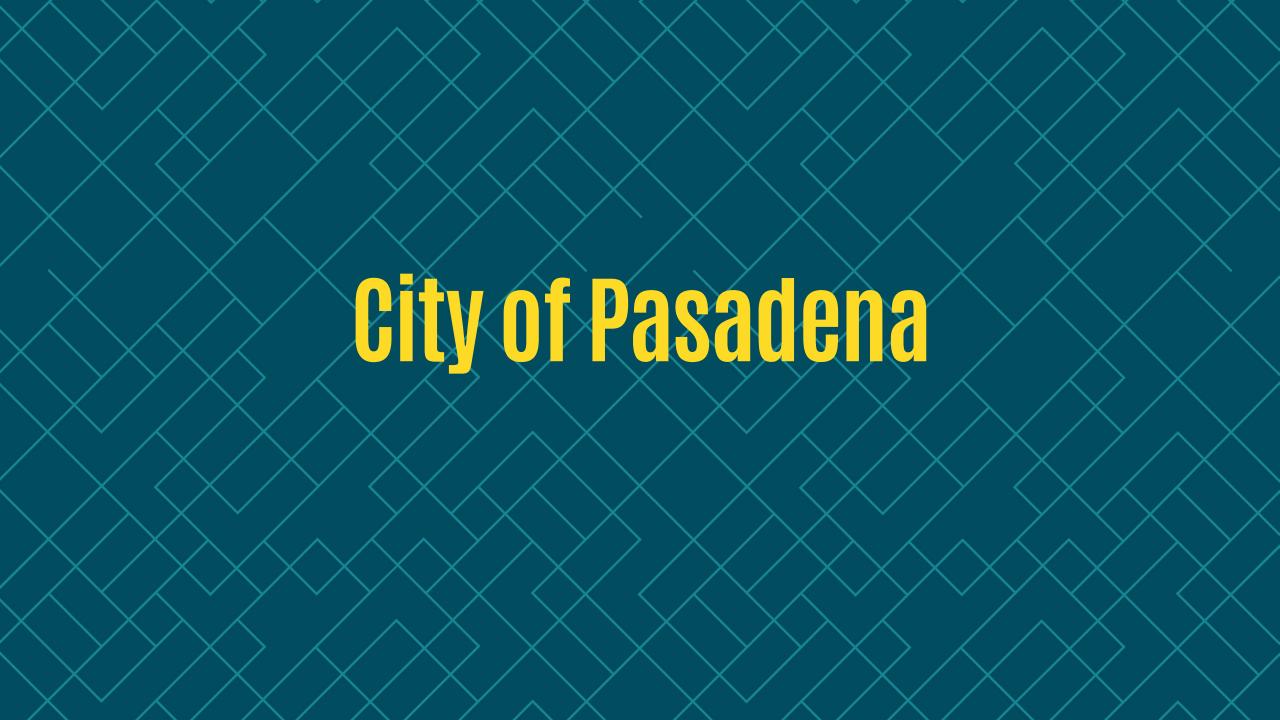






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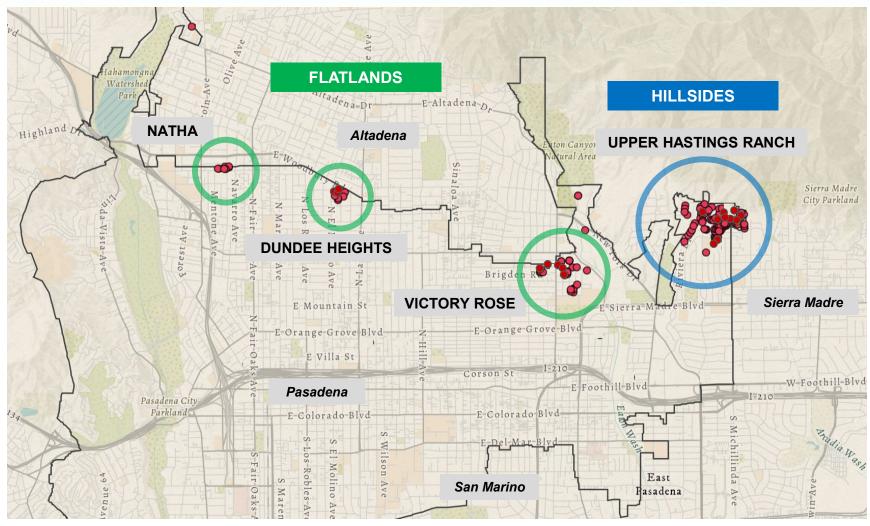
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NATHA and Dundee Heights (zoned RS):

- > 1920s & 1930s; average house size of 1,470 SF.
- Standard rectangular or narrow/ deep properties; average 8,600 SF.
- Mostly 1-story with medium-pitched roofs.
- > Front porches.
- > Craftsman & Period Revival Bungalows.
- > Detached garages at rear.

Victory Rose (zoned RS):

- > 1940s; average house size of 1,380 SF.
- Standard rectangular properties; average 7,400 SF.
- Mostly 1-story; mix of medium- & low-pitched roofs.
- Mix of front porches & small entryways.
- > Spanish Colonial, English Cottage Revival & Minimal Traditional.
- Mostly detached garages at rear.





NATHA and Dundee Heights Neighborhoods

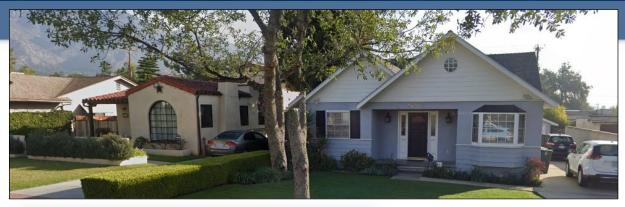












Victory Rose Neighborhood









Neighborhood Characteristics

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Subareas	Ave DU Size	Ave Lot Size	Decade	2-Story	Pool
All Subareas	2,400	11,700	Varies	17%	63%
Subarea 1 (Center) – HD-1	2,040	8,700	1950s	7%	67%
Subarea 2 (North) – HD-1	2,650	13,700	1960s & 70s	25%	52%
Subarea 3 (West) – HD	5,450	31,000	1980s	75%	100%

Upper Hastings Ranch (zoned RS-HD-1 and RS-HD):

- Mostly 1950s & 1960s; mostly terraced properties.
- Mostly standard rectangular or larger squared properties.
- Mostly 1-story with low-pitched roofs in HD-1.
- Modern Ranch & California Ranch in HD-1.
- Attached garages at front.
- Mix of straight and L-shaped driveways.



Neighborhood Characteristics



Upper
Hasting Ranch
Neighborhood











Executive Orders & City's Ordinance

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Governor's Orders (all destroyed properties):

- > Structure is substantially in the same location.
- Does not exceed the previous footprint or height by more than 10%.
- > Can build an ADU before the main dwelling.

City's Rebuild Ordinance (for single-family):

- Structure can be in a different location.
- Can exceed previous <u>footprint or floor area</u> by 10% or 200 SF, whichever is greater.
- Can rebuild previous garage dimensions or a standard 2-car garage.
- All other additions beyond the above must meet Zoning Code.



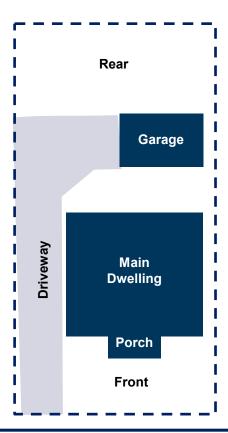




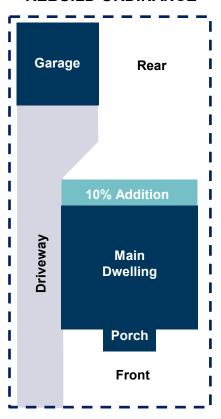
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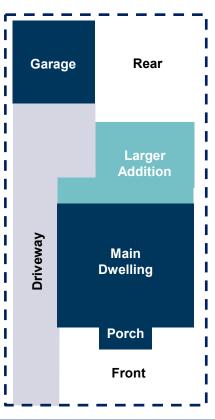




ADDITION WITHIN THE REBUILD ORDINANCE



ADDITION <u>BEYOND</u> THE REBUILD ORDINANCE



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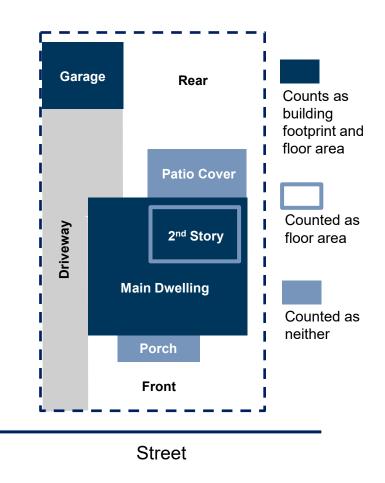


Within the City's Rebuild Ordinance

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Determining building footprint and floor area:

Definitions	Requirements			
Building Footprint	The footprint of all enclosed structures.			
Floor Area	Enclosed floor area for all structures. Includes 2 nd stories but does not include basements.			
Other	Unenclosed porches may be added, provided they do not exceed overall lot coverage. Open patios (trellis >50%) do not count towards lot coverage.			





Applicable Development Standards

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Title 17 – Zoning Code:

- > Zoning District (RS, RS-HD-1 and RS-HD).
- > ADUs are subject to state and local requirements.
- > MWELO requirements if new/replaced landscaping is >2,500 SF.
- > Tree Protection Ordinance (based on species, size & location).

Title 14 – Building and Construction Code:

- 2022 California Building Code (including Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Energy, Green Building and Fire Codes).
- Hillside Grading Ordinance in HD-1 & HD.
- > Pasadena Local Amendments to the Building and Fire Codes.

Plan Check Submittals:

Includes application forms and architectural, structural, engineering, energy, landscaping and grading plans.



Applicable Development Standards

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Within the Rebuild Ordinance:

- > Information to confirm the project is within the rebuild ordinance:
 - Specifically for the house size, height and location.
 - Tax assessor records, City records, photographs, online, etc.
- > Setbacks and building separation (if different from the original house).
- > Garage location and access (if moved from the original location).
- > Fences, walls, trees, landscaping and paving.

Pre-Approved (Standard) Plans:

- Could fall "within" or "beyond" Rebuild Ordinance (dependent on zoning, house size and height).
- > First applicant: Subject to Zoning Section and Building Division review.
- > Subsequent applicants: Primarily limited to Zoning Section review.
- > Additional reviews: Public Works, Water and Power Departments.



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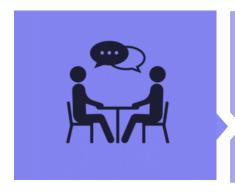
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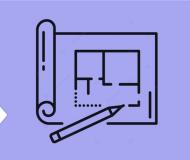
Development Standard	RS Zone	RS-HD-1	RS-HD
Setbacks	X	Х	Х
Floor area (all enclosed areas except basements)	X	Х	Х
Neighborhood Compatibility	X		X
Lot Coverage	X	X	X
Overall Height	X	Х	X
Top Plate	X	Х	
Encroachment Plane	X	Х	X
Roof Pitch		Х	
Second Story (additions to previous >10% and new)	Window placements	Special standards; Requires HDP	Special standards; Requires HDP
Garage location and access	X	X	Х
Fences, walls, trees, landscaping and paving	Х	X	Х
Detached structures & building separation	X	X	X

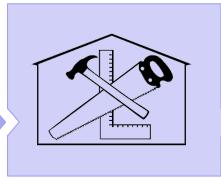


Permitting & Rebuilding Process

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CONSULTATION

PLAN CHECK

CONSTRUCTION

INSPECTIONS

Review information on City Codes, other requirements and fees.

Each property is assigned a planner to discuss and guide the rebuild process.

Virtual & in-person meetings.

Review preliminary plans.

Submittal checklist.

Payment of 1st fees.

Expedited review under the City's Rebuild Ordinance:

1st Submittal: 2-week review

Subsequent Submittals:
1-week review

Payment of 2nd fees.

Building Permit issued.

Automatic 1-year extension for all Building Permits for a total of 3 years.

Inspections available for next business day.

Receive Final Certificate of Occupancy upon completion.



Permitting & Rebuilding Process

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Online Submittal:

- > Go to Online Permit Center "eSubmittal & Account Setup."
- > Click "Apply" or "Login/ Register."
- Scroll down to "Fire Rebuild" categories (which includes single-family residential).
- Complete application forms and upload complete set of plans.
- Identify whether Rebuild, Beyond Rebuild and Standard Plans.

In-person Submittal:

> Permit Center with flash drive.





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Manufactured Homes/Mobilehomes

- Construction and design regulated by state (HCD) and federal (HUD) gov.
- Alterations are regulated by state (HCD)
- Installation on private property is regulated by County
- Not subject to building design standards in the Residential Design Standards
- All other zoning regulations apply
- LA County Planning requires review of design plans to obtain pre-approval
- BSD requires review of site plan, foundation plan, and installation manual



Factory Built

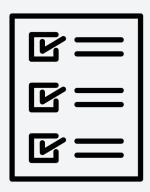
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- BSD requires review of site-built and assembled structures and components for pre-approval



Pre-Approved Standard Plan Website

bit.ly/RecoveryStandardPlans

- Checklists
- Links to Required Forms
- Regulation Summaries
- Pre-Approved Catalog





Questions

Recovery.lacounty.gov Recovery@planning.lacounty.gov

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