

Ohlone Court
San Jose, California



Ohlone Court is master-planned as the first component of a “mixed-use transit village,” providing the variety of building and unit types to achieve a balanced socioeconomic neighborhood. A curvilinear street traverses the site, acting as a pedestrian promenade, directly linking and integrating the apartments to the transit site, including a commuter rail station and neighborhood retail node. Small scale garden square and tree-lined areas enrich the project.

To address the difficult site adjacencies of the freeway and rail edge, as well as

single-family detached housing, the site plan was organized with lower density buildings fronting the neighboring single-family homes. Higher density buildings are internally organized on-site, adjacent to the transit edge and neighboring high-density projects. Not only does this configuration create a sympathetic edge to the community, it also establishes visual interest through a transitioning of the smaller building mass to larger building configurations.

Client	Bridge Housing Corporation Cilker Orchards
Units	135
Stories	Two and Three
Density	23 du/ac
Shell Cost	\$70/sq.ft.
Contractor	L & D Contractors
Completed	April 1997

Awards
1998 Gold Nugget Merit Award