



RENE CAZENAVE APARTMENTS 25 Essex STREET

DEVELOPER

Community Housing
Partnership & BRIDGE
Housing

PRIMARY DEMOGRAPHIC

Single Adults

TOTAL UNITS

120 units

PROPERTY MANAGER

CHP

SERVICE PROVIDER

CityWide

ARCHITECT

Leddy Maytum Stacy
Architects

CONTRACTOR

Cahill Contractors

OPENED

December 2013

Rene Cazenave Apartments were developed in cooperation between Community Housing Partnership and BRIDGE Housing, and designed by Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects. The project was selected by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA), to develop affordable housing in the new Transbay Redevelopment Area. Rene Cazenave Apartments is the first of several development sites that will serve as a gateway to the SFRA's vision of a new "main street" along Folsom Street. Community Housing Partnership is the owner and property manager of the site, while Citywide provides on-site support services and counseling. Rene Cazenave began lease-up in late 2013.

THE BUILDING

Rene Cazenave Apartments is a mid-rise, eight-story building that includes a total of 120 apartments. Twelve of these apartments are 1-bedroom units, while 108 are studios. Overall, 10% of the units are handicap accessible and all other units are adaptable for handicap use. Ground floor spaces include a wide range of programming space, a private courtyard, and two retail spaces. The roof also offers open air gardens. All tenants are formerly homeless individuals and are referred for housing through the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Rene Cazenave

Rene Cazenave was a longtime community organizer and activist in San Francisco and a Community Housing Partnership board member for 20 years. Rene worked on multiple land issues, San Francisco political campaigns, and affordable housing matters. Rene co-founded the Council of Community Housing Organizers in 1978, a coalition of San Francisco affordable housing organizations. Rene passed away in June 2010.