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AVRP-designed Community Creates Affordable Homes for Seniors

AVRP partnered with Community HousingWorks to create Portola Senior Apartments in Orange County

SAN DIEGO, CA (October 6, 2023)---[AVRP Studios](#) partnered with affordable housing developer [Community HousingWorks](#) to create Portola Senior Apartments in Lake Forest, California. Construction is nearly complete and the Orange County community is accepting applications, meaning residents are expected to move in soon.



“Our firm has been committed to designing affordable homes and apartments for a long time so this new community checks a lot of boxes for us,” said AVRP’s Charles Brinton, project manager for [Portola](#). “We’re pleased it will help seniors find a wonderful place to call home.”

Doug Austin, FAIA, CEO and Founder of AVRP, said: “We strived to create a community that would relate to California’s early architectural heritage and provide affordable homes that feel gracious and dignified.”

The new community sits within a four-story mixed-use building that includes 57 senior affordable units, and 10,000 square feet of ground floor commercial space on a two-acre site located in Portola South. Also included are tenant amenities, 118 parking spaces, an outdoor resident plaza and a retail patio.

Portola is the first [Community HousingWorks \(CHW\) development](#) in Orange County. CHW is a Mission Valley-based affordable housing developer.

[AVRP has designed](#) several affordable housing communities across California.

“We have been fortunate to design a number of affordable housing developments over the years, and we’re looking forward to working on others,” AVRP’s Austin said. “Our team is passionate about and committed to housing solutions.”

ABOUT: [AVRP Studios](#) is a San Diego-based architecture, planning, and interior design firm committed to creating exceptional spaces that enrich the human experience. With over 40 years of experience, AVRP Studios has designed award-winning projects throughout the United States and internationally.

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