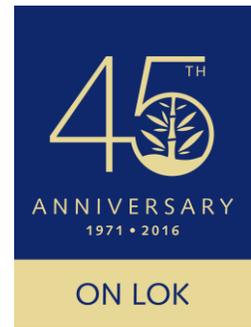


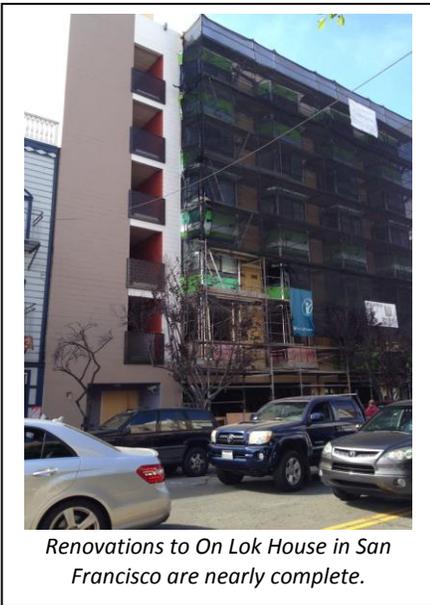
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\$10 Million Renovation of 54-Unit On Lok House Serves Low-Income San Francisco Seniors

On Lok to Unveil Changes in January 2017 dedication ceremony

SAN FRANCISCO (Dec. 8, 2016) – In the midst of San Francisco’s housing crisis, San Francisco-based senior healthcare organization, [On Lok](#), is nearing the completion of a \$10 million renovation to its Chinatown-based senior living community. [On Lok House](#), located at 1441 Powell Street, is a 54-unit, six-story building with Section 8 housing assistance that is reserved for the City’s frail elderly population. On Lok made a number of infrastructure, energy saving and cosmetic upgrades to the 36-year-old structure, which has been serving low-income seniors since 1980.



Renovations to On Lok House in San Francisco are nearly complete.

On Lok House will be rededicated at a ceremony scheduled for January 2017 in San Francisco.

“At a time when so many high-rent luxury buildings are being constructed in San Francisco, we’re proud to invest in the community by upgrading On Lok House for these deserving low-income seniors,” said On Lok CEO Grace Li. “Furthermore, we believe it’s equally as important to preserve affordable housing units for all current and future senior residents.”

A Brief History of On Lok House

On Lok House was built in 1980 as a joint venture between Henry W. Tom Construction, Inc. and Nibbi Brothers General Contractors and designed by Studio 2 Architects. The building originally served as the flagship location of the entire On Lok organization at the opening 36 years ago. United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, a strong proponent of the project, participated in the grand opening celebration when she served as the mayor of San Francisco.

The Sisters of the Holy Family, established in San Francisco in 1887, built their Saint Francis Day Home childcare center here at 1441 Powell St. in 1909. It was in operation until 1977, when it was closed due to lack of funding to structurally upgrade the aged building. On Lok later opened the present-day On Lok House in this location in 1980.

Investing in the Community – Housing for Seniors

The \$10 million On Lok House renovation project is funded through financing guaranteed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It supports On Lok's core mission of caring for seniors and improving their quality of life.

"When upgrades to On Lok House became necessary, there was no question we would invest in this important housing program," said Li. "This project upholds our goal of enabling seniors to live in their communities where they can lead independent, active lives for as long as possible."

Residents were temporarily relocated mostly within the building at no cost during the 12-month renovation period. Completed residential upgrades include the addition of new:

- Light fixtures replaced w/ LED
- Accessible bathroom upgrades
- Apartment kitchen cabinets, counters and appliances
- Flooring and paint throughout
- Corridor handrails and wall paneling
- Roofing
- Exterior windows
- Plumbing upgrades
- Electrical switchgear
- Emergency generator
- Security Upgrades

Renovation Also Completes Upgrades to Powell PACE Center

On Lok's [Powell PACE Center](#) (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly), located inside On Lok House on the ground and first floors, also received upgrades during the renovation project. The Powell PACE Center is part of the [On Lok Lifeways](#) program, which provides frail seniors with all-inclusive care services including medical care, personal assistance, comprehensive care coordination, transportation, meals and in-home services.

"On Lok's donor community understands the many benefits that On Lok House provides seniors," said Chief Development Officer John Blazek. "We're grateful to all the generous donors who support On Lok House and the incredible work taking place here."

Upgrades to the PACE Center include accessibility upgrades and refinishing of restrooms, enlarging the size of the clinic exam room, refinishing administrative offices and HVAC upgrades. Interior information signs and emergency evacuation map signage has also been upgraded to improve building safety.

"At On Lok House, seniors live in affordable units that also provide on-site access to comprehensive healthcare and social services," said On Lok House President Elizabeth Ferguson. "It's a model that provides not only affordable housing, but top-quality medical care and social connectivity, too."

MEDIA PLEASE NOTE: For a tour of the property, high-res images or to request an interview with Chief Executive Officer Grace Li, please contact David Cumpston at cumpston@landispr.com, (415) 359-2316, or Gus Nodal at gus@landispr.com, (415) 359-2320.

About On Lok

On Lok, celebrating its 45th anniversary this year, is a family of nonprofit organizations founded in the early 1970s by a group of citizens concerned about the plight of seniors and the lack of long-term care options in the community. With 45 years of history and experience both creating models and serving diverse senior communities through integrated health and social care, On Lok has a wide-reaching experience base and is a trusted partner in its communities. On Lok serves seniors in the community through its affiliated nonprofits including On Lok Lifeways, 30th Street Senior Center and more. For more information, please visit www.onlok.org/On-Lok-Inc.