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Big El Pueblo Mixed-User Underway Near Chinatown

Two parkings lots will give way to over 300 residential units and retail

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It's full steam ahead for the big mixed-use project set to rise in that weird dead zone south of Chinatown and west of El Pueblo and Olvera Street. The project known as LA Plaza Cultura Village broke ground last week, reports Urbanize LA.

The 355-unit development will take up space on both sides of North Broadway on what's currently two county-owned parking lots to the south of Cesar Chavez Avenue. One part of the development will be between Hill and Broadway, and the will be between Broadway and Spring. The residential component will be a mixture of live/work lofts, studios, and one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, 20 percent of which will be designated for affordable housing, says the website for architecture firm Johnson Fain, which is designing the project.

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Looking toward the Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial.

LA Plaza will also have a dog park, "more than a dozen" rooftop decks, a community room, and a swimming pool for residents, plus 43,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space at street level. Throughout the project, "Interpretive signage, paving inlays, cultural iconography, and traditional building materials will honor the cultures that have come together to form this diverse area of Los Angeles."

An important component of LA Plaza is the pedestrian paseo that will cut through the development and serve as a walkable link between the Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial on Hill Street and Union Station—a link that didn't exist while these spaces were parking lots.

The project is being done by a subsidiary of Trammell Crow Company called High Street Residential. Developers are aiming to have the project completed in June 2018.



Looking toward the Nuestra Señora Reina de Los Angeles church.



