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Subject: FW: CNU Article on Gindroz Award for HACSB  
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Please forward this great news to all Planning Commissioners.

Thank you,

Rob

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**Subject:** CNU Article on Gindroz Award for HACSB

Dear Mayor, City Councilmembers, Housing Authority Commissioners, Rebecca and Eli:

Great news! The Congress of New Urbanism published an article in their national digital magazine, Public Square regarding the award to Santa Barbara on affordable housing design. I am so proud of the Santa Barbara Community - holding its design standards to a high level, even for affordable housing so that our residents are proud of their homes. Thank you for your continued support!

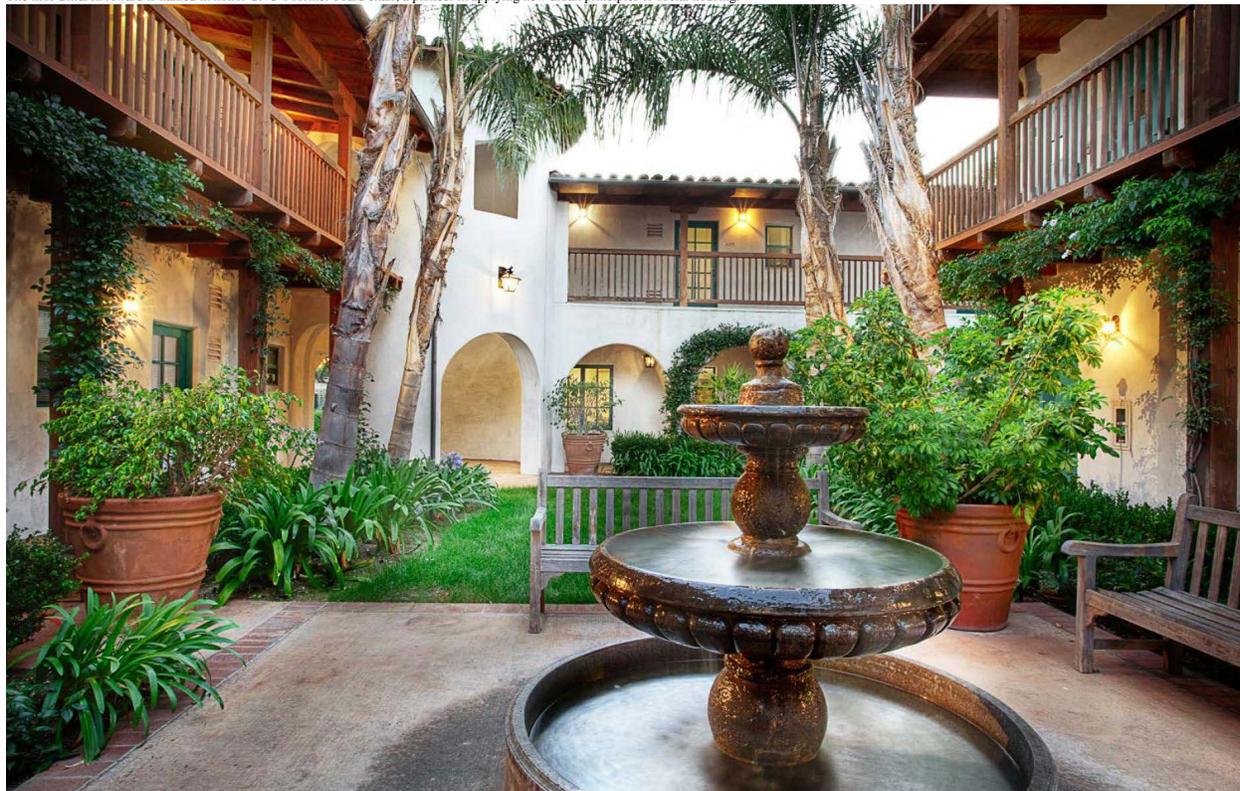
Best Regards,

Rob

<https://www.cnu.org/publicsquare/2022/09/15/santa-barbara-awarded-affordable-housing-design>

**Santa Barbara awarded for affordable housing design**

The first Gindroz Award is named in honor CNU's former board chair, a pioneer in applying new urban principles to social housing.



The courtyard of Casa De Las Fuentes, an affordable project for downtown workers who are not automobile-dependent. Photo by Bob Blackwell.

Santa Barbara's public and affordable housing looks different from any that you are likely to encounter in any other city. Derived from the city's Mediterranean and Spanish-revival architecture, the housing serves low-income residents, the formerly homeless, other vulnerable populations, and those who are simply priced out by the city's legendarily costly housing market.

The unique projects by The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara (HACSB), built over the course of recent decades, have earned the organization the Gindroz Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing. This new national award, from the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art (ICAA), recognizes groups that have demonstrated excellence in the design and implementation of affordable housing in the classical tradition.

The award is named after Ray Gindroz, the Norfolk-based architect and urban designer who cofounded Urban Design Associates, chaired CNU's board of directors, and was instrumental in applying new urbanist design to public and affordable housing across the US. The award "considers the unique challenges of this practice, context, community engagement, social impact, and design in the creation of homes and neighborhoods for all," according to ICAA.



Artisan Court, built in 2011, provides 55 studio apartments for youth aging out of foster care, formerly homeless, and low-income downtown workers. Photo by Bob Blackwell.

HACSB's mission is to create safe, affordable, and quality housing opportunities for families and individuals while promoting self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization. This organization provides beautiful and dignified housing to families, elderly, and disabled persons, notes ICAA.

The authority has found inspiration in Santa Barbara's rich architectural vernacular. Projects are located in the heart of Santa Barbara, close to jobs and opportunities. The award jury specifically noted Artisan Court, Casa De Las Fuentes, El Carrillo, and Jacaranda Court as models of excellence in design and social impact.

"Affordable housing is among the greatest needs Santa Barbara faces and our goal has always been to provide developments that improve the neighborhood and the greater community, as well as provide a beautiful place for our residents to call home," notes Rob Fredericks, Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

"Affordable housing is one of the significant challenges facing our cities and towns today," says Eric Osth, ICAA board member and UDA chairman. HACSB skillfully addresses "these issues with a local team, community involvement, meaningful social impacts, and inspiring built form."

**From:** [Francesca Galt](#)  
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**Cc:** [Community Development PC Secretary](#); [Community Development HLCsecretary](#)  
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Dear Mayor Rowse and City Council,

I sent a note to Mayor Schneider back when the cruise ships started to come here saying how detrimental it was to our city. The reasons seemed so obvious. Destruction of our valuable and one of a kind aesthetic and natural environment! These newer ships are even larger.

I had seen and heard from residents and friends in Key West how destructive large cruise ships had been there and saw for myself that fishing and shrimping had disappeared. Years later I heard from those residents that the city had found that more money was spent to benefit the town from passengers on the smaller ships.

After reading the article in the Independent on p.9 by Jean Yamamora I had a feeling of hopelessness for our city. All of these experts giving accounts of the damages and the photo alone should make us stop this "Blight". Please read the piece if you haven't.

This loss to Santa Barbara is so glaring. It must be stopped now.

Respectfully and grateful for all your work,

Fran

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