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**Innovative Urban Condominium Community Approved in West Sacramento**

Washington Commons, a multi-family, cohousing project, was unanimously approved by West Sacramento’s Planning Commission during its online commission meeting Thursday evening, May 21st. Washington Commons will be the first cohousing community in West Sacramento and one of the first urban infill cohousing communities in the region.

“This major milestone moves us significantly closer to breaking ground on our vision of a contemporary community that provides beautiful private condos along with extensive community amenities, at a scale where you’ll know all your neighbors. The enthusiastic endorsement from West Sacramento’s Planning Commission makes us feel warmly welcomed in our new neighborhood.” Stu Wilson, Buyer, Washington Commons.

The plan for Washington Commons exemplifies the combination of privacy and connection that are key ingredients of owner-developed cohousing communities. The development was initiated by a group of people who sought the benefits of urban living with collaborative neighbors. They engaged a professional team with experience in developing cohousing communities, including developer UD+P from Portland who developed the PDX Commons project there. The location just across the Sacramento River from downtown Sacramento, offers future residents easy access to urban amenities on both sides of the river.

**Privacy**: Washington Commons will feature 35 single-level private condominiums. Each condo will include the normal amenities of a private home, kitchen, living room, bedroom(s) and bathroom(s).

**Connection:** Washington Commonswill be a 4-story structure designed to promote and support social connection. It will include a great room for gatherings and meals, guest rooms, workshops, a large terrace, and other shared spaces making it easy to gather, do projects together, and stay connected.

**Owner-developed**: The future buyers have been active participants in the design and development process. After the project is built, member/owners will continue to share the responsibility for the management of the community.

**Walkable, bicycle-oriented location**: Residents will be able to walk to many nearby destinations. Generous bicycle storage will enable members to take advantage of the growing network of bicycle lanes in West Sacramento and beyond.

**Timeline**: Work is continuing to fine-tune the design and have the project “shovel ready” by the end of the year. Construction could begin early in 2021.

Washington Commons is seeking additional buyers to fill out their community and welcomes individuals, couples, and families of all ages to explore this new homeownership option. The innovative project has attracted buyers from the Bay Area and as far away as Maryland. “We think this is perfect for people who want to live near their work and for others who are looking to downsize and live in an exciting urban location,” said Anne Geraghty, one of the community founding members.

For more information, go to [www.Washington-Commons.org](http://www.Washington-Commons.org)

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* Rendering of Washington Commons