



# New Pershing Apartments

## 108 E. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

### → Sustainable Building at Skid Row Housing Trust

New Pershing Apartments is one of Skid Row Housing Trust's (the "Trust") premier projects that utilizes innovative design to promote a healthy living environment for homeless and low-income individuals. The Trust has capitalized on local public amenities, such as public transportation, to connect our community at New Pershing to downtown and greater Los Angeles. The Trust is also committed to implementing sustainable strategies in its buildings to minimize our impact on the environment.

### → LEED for Homes

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a non-profit organization that advocates for sustainable or "green" design that minimizes impacts on the natural environment. It is primarily interested in improving the energy and cost efficiency of the built environment. USGBC has developed the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating and certification systems, which encourage designers to employ sustainable strategies in their work to meet desired environmental standards.

LEED for Homes is the certification system for new residential projects, and New Pershing Apartments is expected to receive a LEED Gold certification. For more information on USGBC, the LEED rating system, and the LEED for Homes program, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

### → Sustainable Features at New Pershing Apartments

*Community Garden, Kitchen and Laundry room*

New Pershing Apartments' outdoor community space features a community garden for interested residents. In addition to the fresh and healthy produce grown right on-site, the garden also saves the residents money and encourages food security. The building also includes a community kitchen open to all of its residents and features high-efficiency appliances including a dishwasher which promotes water conservation. Additionally, the community laundry room provides residents with high-efficiency clothes washers that exceed water conservation standards.



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### *Bicycle Storage*

Los Angeles is a city known for traffic congestion and air pollution. At New Pershing Apartments, the design and construction team have added to the effort to promote green living and a reduction in both pollution and congestion with bicycle storage featured in the building. Twenty-one bicycle spots are conveniently and securely located inside the building's garage available for residents' use.

### *Energy Efficient Appliances*

Energy Star is a program managed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the program evaluates products energy performance with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs by purchasing efficient for appliances.

### *Existing Structure*

The design and construction of the apartments reused many components of the preexisting two-story building, which eliminated sending unnecessary materials to the landfills.

### *Construction Materials*

Permanent materials with lower impacts on human health and the environment were used as much as possible throughout the building process. New Pershing used low VOC (volatile organic compound) finishes to improve possible indoor air quality.

## ➔ **Overall Building Performance**

New Pershing Apartments is projected to achieve LEED Gold Certification, achieving a performance of 15.4% beyond Title 24, 2008 Standards.



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