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Bogard Construction; Santa Cruz, California



Rendering of Santa Cruz City Schools Educator Housing Community in Santa Cruz, California Image credit: Bogard Construction

Building contractor Bogard Construction, in partnership with Santa Cruz City Schools, broke ground on the district's first Educator Housing Community at 313 Swift Street in Santa Cruz, California. Addressing the affordability challenges in the area, the 100-unit development will provide below-market-rate housing for district teachers and staff.

The project, funded through voter-approved Measures K and L, marks a major step forward for educator workforce housing in Santa Cruz County as school districts across California seek practical ways to address recruitment and retention in high-cost regions.

The project is being delivered through an Alternative Design-Build approach, bringing Bogard, Santa Cruz City Schools and the design team together early in the process to align budget, constructability, site planning and program goals. Working with architects EHDD and Studio VARA during preconstruction, Bogard helped optimize the four-acre, district-owned site, expanding the project from an original 80-unit concept to 100 units while remaining aligned with district priorities and available funding.

Construction is scheduled for completion in 2028.