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# Affordable Mixed-Use Development in a Carbon-Constrained Future

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# CEC EPIC Design Challenge for affordable mixed-use development



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# Energy and emissions evaluation overview

#### Objective

 Identify and evaluate design strategies and building systems that meet CEC's goals

#### Approach

- EnergyPlus simulations
  - Calculate hourly end-use electricity and thermal loads
- Xendee optimizations
  - Shifts building loads to optimize for PV and energy storage cost and carbon impacts

## Funding

CEC EPIC program



# Roosevelt Village: 995 East Santa Clara Street in San Jose, CA

#### Mixed-use, 6-story

- 74 apartments serving previously unhoused and very low-income seniors
- Supportive services, community rooms, food pantry, property management
- Courtyard with resident gardens





Rendering of the new construction proposal

# Roosevelt Village: 995 East Santa Clara Street in San Jose, CA

#### **LEED Platinum baseline model**

- All-electric building
- Central heat pump water heater
- Conventional packaged AC with heat pump
  - 'PTAC'
- Central air supply, side-wall exhaust
- R-21 wall cavity insulation
- R-30 roof with tapered rigid insulation
- Double-pane vinyl windows
  - U 0.30 | SHGC 0.23
- LED lighting and EnergyStar appliances











# **Energy efficiency measures**

#### Baseline



**LEED Platinum project** 

R-21 Wall cavity insulation Air leakage: 2 ACH @ 50 Pa ENERGY STAR Appliances Low flow fixtures Double-pane vinyl windows (0.28 U, 0.23 SHGC)

#### **Cost-effective**

350 kWh max fridge & induction (5% overall equipment reduction)

Lower flow toilet and shower head (15% DHW reduction)

Exterior shading (18" protrusion)

Ceiling fans (relaxed cooling setpoint from 75 °F to 78 °F)

Dynamic ventilation (vary ventilation rate to shift load)

#### **All Measures**

2" Continuous insulation

Air leakage 1 ACH @ 50 Pa

Reduced window to wall ratio (height from 8 ft to 6 ft)

Thin triple vinyl windows (0.16 U, 0.17 SHGC)

# Energy efficiency measures' impact on the baseline model



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# HVAC alternatives with and without energy recovery ventilator (ERV)

#### Baseline



#### **Conventional HVAC unit (Amana)**

- Central ventilation with rooftop heat pump DOAS
- Central DHW via dedicated heat pump with no peak shifting control



#### Advanced HVAC unit (Ephoca)

- In unit ventilation or central ventilation
- Ducted or unducted wallmounted
- Central DHW via dedicated heat pump with storage for peak shifting



#### Four-pipe hydronic system

- Central ventilation with 4-pipe DOAS air handlers
- 4-pipe fan coils
- Heat recovery and thermal storage
- In unit DHW via hot water heat exchanger

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# Annual HVAC energy consumption



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# Proposed energy efficiency package lowers 4-9pm load by 10%



## Xendee: Cost & carbon optimization



# Cost comparison of meeting all daily 4-9pm residential loads



Rooftop PV 130 kW



Elevated PV 171 kW



Annualized costs: DERs capital costs and utility purchase (net of exports) NOT include EEMs or HVAC systems costs

# Indefinite coverage for Tier 1 loads



# Balancing CEC design requirements

|   | Battery Size   Design<br>Req | Daily 4-9pm<br>Res Loads | Indefinite Tier<br>1 Loads<br>(10% of peak) | 24 hr Outage<br>Tier 1&2<br>Loads | 72 hr Outage<br>Tier 1&2<br>Loads |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | Small: ~200 kWh              | 100%                     | 99%   | 90%                               | 73%                               |
|   | Medium: ~400 kWh             | 100%                     | 99.7%                                       | 98%                               | 80%                               |
| Required space <b>100</b> ft <sup>2</sup> | Big: ~ 600 kWh               | 100%                     | 99.9%                                       | 100%                              | 90%                               |
|   | Huge: ~1.300 kWh             | 100%                     | 100%  | 100%                              | 100%                              |

Elevated PV Canopy, proposed energy efficiency package

#### **Battery Size Drivers**

- 1) T1&T2 72-hr outage
- 2) Indefinite Tier 1 coverage
- 3) T1&T2 24-hr outage
- 4) Daily 4-9pm residential loads

#### Max out PV and minimize central battery

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# **Optimized Technology Package**

|   | Strategy  | Portion of Annual 4- Approximate<br>9pm Load Served Incremental cost |   |             |  |
|---|---|--|---|-------------|--|
|   | Thermal Storage (domestic hot water)                          | 32%  | + | \$50,000    |  |
|   | Peak Load Management  | 14%  | + | ~ \$0       |  |
|   | Energy Efficiency   | 10%  | + | \$250,000   |  |
| X | Solar PV array, Battery storage<br>& Microgrid Infrastructure | 44%  | + | \$2,000,000 |  |



\$2,300,000 \$50,000,000 Approx. Construction Budget

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# Takeaways and next steps

#### Takeaways

- Efficiency measures are key to meet goals
- HVAC loads present the greatest potential but are a small portion of the overall energy use
- Grid charging significantly reduces required DERs investment
- Meeting the critical and important load indefinitely are more challenging than meeting the entire load during grid peak hours every day





Q&A

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