



Laguna Beach Community and Senior Center

LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The design of the Laguna Beach Community and Susi-Q Senior Center fits its neighborhood, where a business district meets a residential area. Configured in an “E” shape, the main wing is anchored into the steep topography at the back of site, creating a backdrop for three smaller wings that project toward the street and shape an outdoor plaza.

The design was the result of a lengthy public input process, involving a wide variety of stakeholders and engaged neighborhood advocates. The project includes a 13,000-square-foot senior center and 8,000-square-foot community center over subterranean parking. To address the pedestrian-oriented frontage on Third Street, LPA designed three cottage-size structures that each open onto an outdoor space. These rooms include a quiet gathering area for seniors, a breakout space from the city conference room and a terrace extension for the art studio; all three areas combine into one large space for community gatherings.

PROJECT DATA

CLIENT

City of Laguna Beach

SERVICES

Architecture, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture

AWARDS

Gold Nugget Award of Merit
California Parks and Recreation Society
Award of Achievement Community Center
Best of California Construction

FACTS

20,459 square feet