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New apartments planned next to Homeboy's Chinatown HQ

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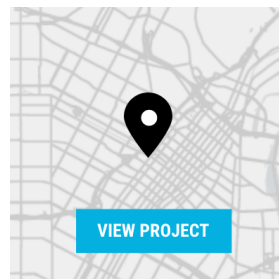
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has long been acclaimed for its gang rehabilitation and anti-recidivism services. Now, citing the housing instability of its client base, the **Chinatown (<https://urbanize.city/la/neighborhood/chinatown>)-based** non-profit organization is branching into development.



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View of the proposed Homeboy Industries development from Vignes Street looking south

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Homeboy Industries announced plans to develop a parking lot across the street from its Chinatown headquarters as transitional housing. The proposed project, which would rise at the southeast corner

of Alameda and Alpine Streets, would consist of a five-story edifice featuring 157 residential units.

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“Nearly three quarters of program participants at Homeboy Industries are unhoused,” said Shirley Torres, Homeboy’s chief officer of programs in a news release. “Developing more direct and secure housing for them is a high priority, a critical need. Having safe housing will shrink a massive stressor for the homegirls and homeboys and allow them to focus on healing and growth. A housing first approach is incredibly effective to prevent recidivism and this investment in people provides a ripple effect to the individuals, their families and communities.”

Culver City-based **KFA Architecture (<https://urbanize.city/la/tags/kfa-architecture>)** is designing the 36,000-square-foot building, which would have separate floors for men, women, and families. The new housing and accompanying structures would wrap around a site which also fronts the intersection of Main and Vignes Streets.

"The Homeboy campus is designed to be a unique offering in the housing of the homies in the program and the management of the organization," said KFA Architecture partner Jonathan Watts. "The two planned housing buildings offer a continuum of support for the Homeboy population with dorm style apartments and supportive housing. The first phase will also provide stacked parking, a gym, a mechanic's garage and outdoor recreational space."



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affordable- Homeboy Industries board member Wayne Ratkovich, founder and

industries- chairman of The Ratkovich Company, is helping to shepherd the project

through the Los Angeles land use and entitlement process,

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with development of the new housing and potentially other sites adjacent to

you&body= its headquarters. Homeboy intends to raise approximately \$5 million of

just equity out of a total \$15 million budget for the project, with the balance to

read be debt financed. Rental income from tenants would service the debt, as

this on well as cover operating costs for the building.

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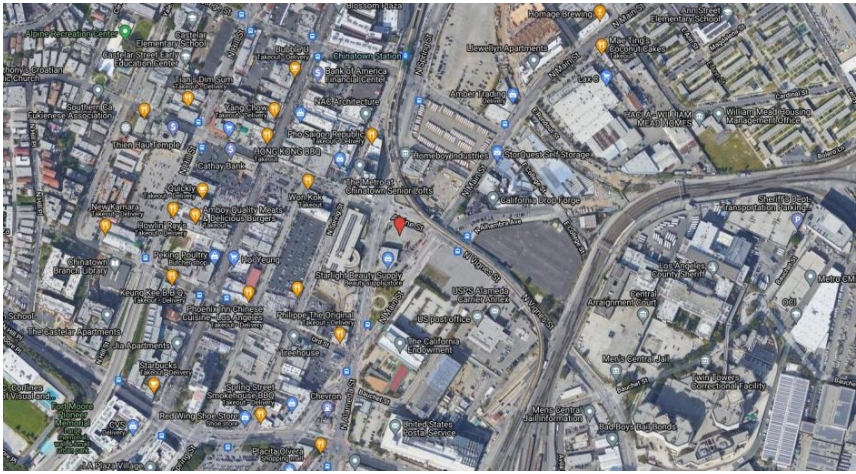
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The Homeboy Industries housing development is one component of a new "Restorative Justice Village" planned for Chinatown (<https://urbanize.city/la/post/restorative-justice-village-could-bring-more-supportive-housing-chinatown>), which builds off of a new interim and supportive housing complex which recently opened at the opposite corner of Main and Vignes Streets (<https://urbanize.city/la/tags/1060-n-vignes-street>). Other sites, including what is now Men's Central Jail and housing owned and controlled by the California Endowment, could also be folded in to the master plan.

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