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### Urban Land Institute Announces Winners of Smart Growth Awards Program

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The Urban Land Institute (ULI) San Diego/Tijuana District Council today presented its third annual Smart Growth Awards program at the House of Blues. The awards recognize efforts in San Diego County to develop buildings and communities that accommodate growth in ways that are economically sound, environmentally responsible and supportive of community livability. Award categories include Smart Growth Project, Smart Growth Plan/Policy and Smart Growth Visionary.



Winners of the 2007 Smart Growth Awards with ULI Executive Director Mary Lydon and Smart Growth Chair Chris Morrow.

The San Diego Association of Governments received the **Best Framework for Smart Growth Award** for its Smart Growth Concept Plan, a document that contains almost 200 existing, planned, and proposed smart growth locations throughout the San Diego Region. The Smart Growth Concept Map helps to identify actual locations in the region with opportunities for smart growth, allowing for transportation agencies, operators, utility agencies, lenders, developers, and others to focus coordinated plans, investment, and developments.

The **Neighborhood Revitalization Catalyst Award** was presented to COMM22, a mixed-use, transit-oriented development, which combines 234 affordable family and senior housing options. Located in Logan Heights, the project serves to meet the unique social, economic, and physical needs of the community with the inclusion of market-rate lofts, for-sale homes, bank, health clinic, daycare facilities and 22,000 square feet of commercial/retail space.

The **Affordable Housing Award** was presented to Lillian Place, a 74-unit infill apartment complex that will provide new housing options for low and moderate-income families in San Diego. The project includes the adaptive reuse of a historic structure for a new community center, which will be used for resident services and may include after-school programs, adult job-skills education and computer classes. The project has utilized City of San Diego Redevelopment financing, tax credits, and both public and private financing sources to create new affordable housing options for residents of downtown San Diego.

The Tierra Miguel Foundation and Organic Farm received the **Progressive Agricultural Sustainability Award**. The Tierra Miguel Foundation and Organic Farm is a working biodynamic farm and charitable organization offering education programs that demonstrate, teach and promote sustainable, community-based food production that encourage a healthy lifestyle. Tierra Miguel Foundation has developed programs committed to the principles of farmland conservation and preservation, support for agricultural land use planning and reform, increased economic planning and development, natural resource conservation for both agricultural land support and global warming remedies, and support of agricultural industry through new industry development and education.

La Jolla Commons, received the **LEEDership in Smart Growth Award**. The mixed-use development located in the UTC area includes a 15-story, 340,000-square-foot office tower and has received a Silver Pre-Certification in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Core and Shell (LEED--CS) program by the U.S. Green Building Council program.

The **Silk Purse Award** was presented to the R3 Building, which used smart growth principles to overcome a challenging 1,600 square foot parcel to make an iconic building at the edge of Little Italy. The two-story building is comprised of a single unit per floor that can be sub-divided for flexible commercial uses, including an art gallery, studio or office.

SOLARA, the first apartment community in California to be fully powered by the sun, received the **Smartest of 2007 Award**. The development includes a 56-unit, affordable housing apartment community with six two-story residential buildings, a 2,100-square-foot community center and 2,100 square feet of independent office space on 2.5 acres in Poway.

The smart growth awards jurors were Kathy Garcia, Wallace Roberts Todd; Bob Noble, Tucker Sadler Noble Castro Architects; Shannon Bradley, UCSD-TV; Sally Muir, SDGE Sustainable Communities; Carlos de la Mora, Nolte Engineering; Bill Dumka, Black Mountain Ranch; and Michael Paeske, Commercial Facilities, Inc.

The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Richard Jackson, UC Berkeley adjunct professor of environmental health sciences and author of "Urban Sprawl and Public Health."

#### About ULI

The Urban Land Institute develops leaders in the responsible use of land and promotes creation of sustainable, thriving communities worldwide. ULI has 38,000 members internationally and more than 850 in the San Diego region. The ULI San Diego/Tijuana District Council ([www.sandiego.uli.org](http://www.sandiego.uli.org)) facilitates local discussion of public policy issues and best practices related to real estate development, city building and land use.



ULI SD/Tijuana Chair Tony Pauker, Executive Director Mary Lydon and Smart Growth Chair Chris Morrow.

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