

History Serving the Needs of Today

101 STATE STREET | RENO, NV

Building Size: 15,500 SF  
Year Built: 1958  
Design Start: December 2019  
Finish Construction: August 2021

In the heart of downtown Reno, El Centro exemplifies an innovative solution to help address the increasing difficulties experienced by our community's lowest income populations. This mid-century motor lodge is an adaptive reuse project that provides dignified and meaningful long-term housing for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. El Centro has gained local recognition for its very near net zero energy design, its commitment to revitalizing mid-century architecture within our community, and its innovation in repurposing a typically disregarded, though iconic, American architectural typology. The design accomplished all of this despite an extensive list of building and zoning code deficiencies, all while managing an incredibly frugal budget of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and Housing and Urban Development funding. El Centro is a small project, but it means the world to its residents and its surrounding community where, in 2022, as many as 1700 people remained homeless, and 1 in 7 lived below the poverty line.

