

## Real Estate Roundup

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### College Opens Police Station, Parking Structure on Campus

The grand opening and open house for the new police station and parking structure at San Diego Miramar College, the latest San Diego Community College District project funded by Propositions S and N, was held in late November.

The \$17.8 million project is on track to obtain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. This is the highest possible green building certification, and the first for a community college district locally. The police station is one of 10 LEED-certified projects built or planned at Miramar and among 30 across the college district.

The police station will include a reception area with instructional display about LEED features, a conference room, office areas, and a secure suspect processing area. These spaces are organized along the building's perimeter to provide for a welcoming and well-lit area maximizing natural daylight. A terra cotta façade will tie the new facility into the existing building style on campus. The three-story parking structure will provide 815 parking spaces.

The project includes a green roof and a green screen. The sustainability benefits include insulation from intense temperatures, the generation of a microclimate that helps restore the local habitat, and the gathering of storm water.

The project team included Jessen-Wright Structural Engineers, Randall Lamb & Associates, Shadpour Consulting Engineers Inc., Schmidt Design Group Inc. and Gafcon Inc.