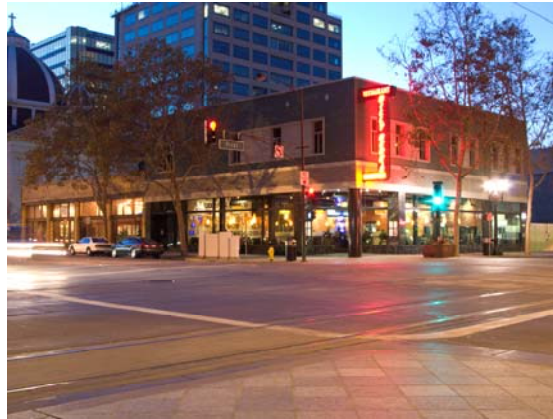


# San Jose Redevelopment Agency downtown project **fact sheet**



Rehabilitation:  
January 2007

Completion:  
August 2008

## **Project:** Wilcox Block Buildings

**Description:** The Wilcox Block Buildings are composed of three historic buildings located at the corner of South First and West San Fernando Streets near Downtown's Historic District. Two of the buildings are listed on the City of San Jose's Inventory of Historic Resources as Structures of Merit. The buildings, after an eight-year vacancy, now house two high-quality restaurants: Billy Berk's, an American-cuisine restaurant, and Mezcal, an Oaxacan-style Mexican restaurant. The buildings are also located just steps away from recently rehabilitated downtown historic projects, the Fountain Alley Buildings and Bassler-Haynes Buildings.

**Location:** 17-31 W. San Fernando Street & 93-99 South First Street

**Benefit:** With the interior and exterior upgrades and seismic retrofitting, the buildings can now house new ground-floor retail and upper-floor office space; revitalizing a key retail corner that was under-utilized for many years.

- Features:**
- Courtyard for restaurant patio seating
  - Marble exterior with terrazzo entryway tiling
  - More than 5,100-square-feet of retail and office space

**Total Costs:** \$5.1 million  
\$5 million from private investment  
\$100,000 from the San Jose Redevelopment Agency  
*Redevelopment Agency sold the land to developer for \$200,000*

**Project Team:**

Council District:	3
Developer:	Wilcox Block, LLC
Architect:	Berger Detmer Ennis
Contractor:	Garden City Construction
Owner:	Wilcox Block, LLC