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The High-Rise Next Door

First Allied Plaza

IN 2005, NRG ENERGY CENTER San Diego welcomed a new neighbor: the 23-story First Allied Plaza building, originally known as Broadway 655. Constructed adjacent to our plant on Kettner Boulevard, First Allied Plaza is an elegant postmodern tower with an unbeatable location and panoramic views of downtown and the bay. The building has been an NRG San Diego customer from the start.

Designed by Carrier Johnson Architects, First Allied Plaza was the first "Class A" office building to be constructed downtown since 1991. The glass-and-stone high-rise is a prominent part of San Diego's skyline. Inside, the dramatic lobby features hand-carved Roman travertine marble and exposed concrete, with art glass in an aluminum curtain wall and Uruguayan labradorite granite flooring.

More than 350,000 square feet are dedicated to commercial office tenants,

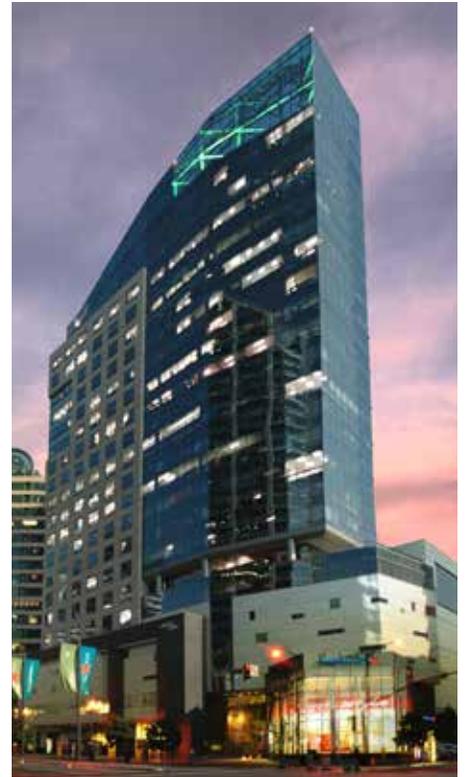
including Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd that occupies six floors. Retail and restaurants—including Bank of America, Bruegger's Bagels and the new Japanese-Italian eatery Sora (opening this summer)—occupy another 17,000 square feet. The building also encompasses 12 residential units and seven floors of parking.

In addition to in-building amenities, tenants and residents of First Allied Plaza have easy access to all that San Diego has to offer. The building is within walking distance of the waterfront and across the street from both the Santa Fe Depot and the city's mass transit hub.

First Allied Plaza is more than just an attractive place to live or work; it is energy-efficient too. "The building has received Energy Star certification every year since 2009," explains Property Manager Mary Cochran of Wereldhave Management USA that manages the high-rise. "We continue to increase our energy efficiency and sustainability, with lighting retrofits, a recycling program and the use of green cleaning products, for example. It's exciting to see the improvement each year."

The building's use of district cooling is a central part of its efficiency strategy. NRG San Diego's chilled-water service is used for air conditioning as well as condenser heat removal for restaurant coolers and freezers.

With its energy-wise management, graceful stature and Class A amenities, First Allied Plaza is truly a good neighbor—not only to NRG San Diego but the entire downtown community.



Courtesy of The Palmer Team

Its commercial, residential and retail mix makes First Allied Plaza the perfect home for Sora, a new Japanese-Italian restaurant, bar and lounge set to open this summer. Sora's owners are well-known on the local food scene: Noriyoshi Teruya, a head chef at Nobu; Alessandro Minutella, owner of Panevino, Osetra, Greystone and Chocolat; and General Manager Daniele Visco from Chocolat.

Courtesy of The Palmer Team



First Allied Plaza features dramatic large windows with unobstructed, panoramic views of San Diego Bay and downtown.

Hot Meals, Warm Hearts for San Diego Seniors

A HOT, NUTRITIOUS meal and some companionship. Often, that's what seniors need to enhance their quality of life. Since April 2011, NRG Energy Center employees have volunteered at downtown San Diego's Senior Community Center to provide just that.



NRG San Diego's Debbie Jolly serves it up with a smile to local seniors.

According to Debbie Jolly, NRG San Diego's Office Manager, she and other employees devote time every week to serving lunch and cleaning up. "We serve up to 175 seniors at once," she says. "Usually the whole room is full for each meal service."

The San Diego Senior Community Center serves two meals a day, seven days a week, at its main downtown center and five days a week at nine congregate meal sites in South Bay, East County and North County—often to seniors who have few other resources. "Downtown's senior center is great," says Debbie. "They have a regular schedule of games, meetings, outings and field trips. Seniors from all over come because it's a new facility and they offer so many things for them to do."

Debbie says helping out over the lunch hour is a fun, effortless way to give back to her local community. "We really enjoy going there," she adds. "I'm so impressed by the work the center is doing, and I really enjoy interacting with all the seniors. They appreciate our efforts."

A Giving Culture.



The efforts of the people of NRG San Diego at the senior center reflect the mission of NRG's Global Giving Day, one of many employee-led initiatives that are part of the Corporation's global giving initiative. Last year across the U.S., NRG employees packed food boxes and prepared meals at a food bank, hosted a picnic for homebound seniors, beautified the grounds of a local park, enhanced the facilities at an animal shelter, performed maintenance work at a Boys & Girls Club, and more. All told, NRG Global Giving Day projects helped more than 30 organizations in 11 states. Over the past few years, NRG Energy Inc. has donated millions to nonprofit organizations to address community needs. In the first half of 2011 alone, almost \$350,000 was raised for earthquake and flooding victims in Japan and Australia.

Lead Operator at Home on Land or Sea

DAVID TAMISIEA'S job is making sure that NRG Energy Center San Diego customer buildings are cool and comfortable year-round—especially during the warm summer months to come.

David has been with NRG San Diego for nearly six years, operating the plant's chillers and performing maintenance and repairs. "There's no question I'm in a job that suits me well," says David. "I like working with my hands and fixing things. I work on cars and do woodworking in my spare time, so it all fits together."

Previously David helped operate facilities at the Westfield Mission Valley Shopping Mall for 10 years. Before that he served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years. Although he was initially stationed in Hawaii, he spent the majority of his time on several ships based in San Diego. He saw nine deployments, most of them to the western Pacific.

On board ship, David handled engine, pump and valve repair. During his last six years in the service, he was in charge of a repair shop aboard a submarine tender



David Tamisiea

and supervised a crew of 100.

David was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and raised in Omaha, Nebraska—far from the Pacific Ocean that has been his home

for decades. He now lives in Chula Vista and enjoys his current "land assignment" where he can still connect with his Navy roots.



FROM THE MANAGER

New Logo, Continued Community Involvement

The district cooling system that serves downtown San Diego has been owned and operated by NRG Energy Center San Diego since 1997. As we near the end of 2011 and look ahead to 2012, it is an especially exciting time to be a part of the NRG family. With this issue of our newsletter, we are introducing NRG's new logo, a symbol of NRG's commitment to offer the most innovative energy solutions to our customers.

Over the past few years, NRG has become a very different kind of energy company. While electric power generation is the foundation of the company's business, it has added products and capabilities in clean energy technol-

ogy, electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and selling renewable power directly to customers.

NRG is leading the way in changing how people think about and use energy. Its retail brands—Reliant Energy and Green Mountain Energy Company—offer customers ways to leverage smart energy and power from renewable sources. NRG is building out the charging network so that EV drivers, through eVgo, have confidence they will not run out of power. It has also become the nation's leading developer of solar energy, building large solar fields in the Southwest and installing solar panels on commercial rooftops and at schools

and sports stadiums nationwide.

The company is committed to delivering more energy choices and cleaner energy solutions that enhance lives, improve businesses and communities, and build a sustainable future. NRG San Diego does this by providing reliable, energy-efficient district cooling service; serving as an avenue for you to access NRG's many energy-saving technologies; and giving back to the community it serves.

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