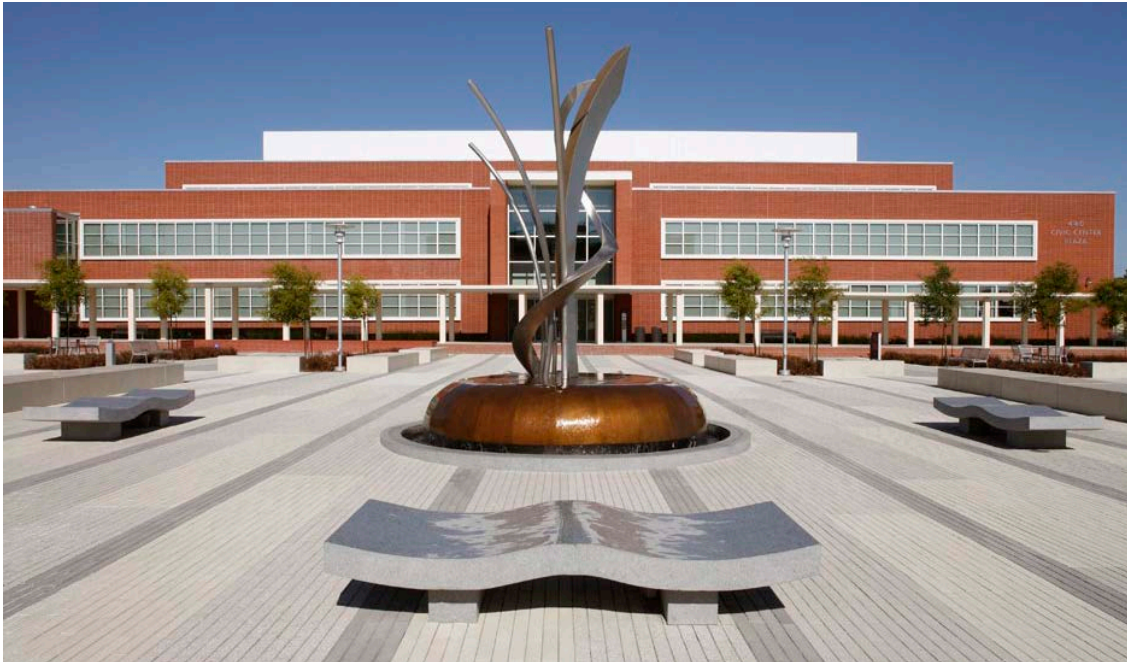


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Richmond Memorial Civic Center Rehabilitation



The rehabilitated Richmond Memorial Civic Center complete with water feature sculpture.

The Richmond Civic Center complex, completed in 1949, was conceived and designed by the internationally known architectural practice of Schindler & Neutra during the 1930s. The facilities were then built under the supervision of Timothy L. Phleuger, prominent San Francisco architect and finished by his brother Milton after Timothy's death.

Though the Civic Center originally included the Richmond Library, the 2006-2009 rehabilitation project consisted of three major building components: the 71,000 square foot City Hall, the additional 56,000 square foot former Hall of Justice building, and the 160,000 square feet combination Civic Center Auditorium/Art Center complex, all arranged around the Civic Center Plaza. The purpose of this \$100 million project was to bring the Memorial Auditorium, City Hall, the former Hall of Justice building and the Plaza up to current codes and to modernize the City Hall and former Hall of Justice for use as the City's principal offices.

The project included: Seismic retrofits to all three buildings; restoration of the Timothy Phleuger-designed Civic Center to its original glory, with updates to enclose the City Hall's first floor breezeway to gain office space, achieving LEED Gold certification for the two office buildings, and maintaining the site's historical significance as the "first modern civic center" in post-World War II America. The project also included waterproofing of the City Hall and Hall of Justice basements and all new HVAC, plumbing and electric components. A \$1 million public art collection was part of the project, including a water feature-sculpture in the renovated plaza that completed the original Phleuger vision presented to the City Council in 1945.

Residents of Richmond rallied in support of the City's efforts to restore the Civic Center to its former splendor, participating in a yearlong design review process. The result of all these efforts is a set of

truly “world class” facilities. Civic Plaza has been transformed into an inviting park setting, with tables, chairs and benches inviting the public to enjoy the elegance of the historical array of buildings, now surrounding a sculpture/fountain by Richmond’s Archie Held in the center of the plaza. The area surrounding Civic Center has enjoyed a renaissance of activity as the site of many indoor and outdoor events. Richmond is a national leader in sustainability policies and home to many “green” businesses, as well as the leading green jobs training program in the nation. The Richmond Memorial Civic Center is the City’s nucleus of civic and cultural activity, which once again stands as a symbol of hope, prosperity, and growth for the City.

Read more about the full scope of the restoration and rehabilitation project:

<http://docplayer.net/2665576-Richmond-memorial-civic-center-rehabilitation-project.html>