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Unit design studio produced this schematic urban design concept for a Proposal to Denver Housing Authority. Denver Housing Authority's program included the renovation of their existing high-rise, public housing project into a mixed-use, mixed-income urban design project to augment the new Post Properties project and the planned East Village redevelopment. UNiT developed a schematic design proposal that utilized the existing two towers, adding a third tower, a first level retail promenade and a new public plaza. The urban design concept incorporated the mixed-use principles of diverse uses, people, economics and business plan. The residences featured complete renovation, open loft-like floor plans, 1 and 2 bedroom units, exterior balconies and were available for rent by both DHA tenants and market-rate tenants.

The proposal's retail spaces focused on shops and restaurant uses, utilizing the street side plaza, created a unique and open outside public space for local residents and shoppers to gather, sit and congregate. The scheme anchored this section of the City of Denver with a newly renovated urban environment, creating a central space, augmented with the mixed-income, mixed-use functions that would appeal to residents and the neighborhood alike.



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