

## **Related, SOM and City of San Francisco Choose View Smart Windows**

MILPITAS, Calif.– June 5, 2019 -- View®, the leader in smart windows, today joined the City and County of San Francisco and Related to celebrate the topping out of 49 South Van Ness, a visionary new 431,000 SF office building that features View’s smart glass.

The office building, designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Architects, will include a “one-stop Permit Center” which will serve thousands of San Franciscans each year and be the future home for the Department of Public Works, the Planning Department, Department of Building Inspection, DPH Environmental Health, Entertainment Commission, Board of Appeals and Office of Cannabis along with the City’s permitting staff. It is part of a larger mixed-use project designed by SOM at the former Goodwill site on the corner of Mission Street and South Van Ness Avenue.

View is a technology company creating smart and connected buildings to improve people’s health and wellness, while simultaneously reducing energy consumption. View’s smart windows adjust automatically, eliminating the need for blinds or shades, while improving the building’s energy efficiency by up to 20%. Since its inception twelve years ago, View has developed groundbreaking technology and products, and is now installed in 50M SF of buildings, and growing very rapidly.

“There were several compelling attributes to View’s smart windows including eliminating glare and hot spots at the building perimeter. As a result, the City expects to have a more efficient utilization on each floor with occupants able to work comfortably without baking in the sun close to the windows,” said Matthew Witte, Principal, Related California.

According to recent research published in the Harvard Business Review, natural light is the number one office perk for employees. The research found that 78% of employees believe access to natural light and views improves their well-being and 70% report improved work performance. Recent research has also revealed that workers in View smart window office environments report a 51% drop in the incidence of eyestrain, a 63% drop in the incidence of headaches and a 56% reduction in drowsiness.

These documented health benefits are central to the goals of architecture in the 21st century.

“We believe that a core role of architecture is improving human performance and enriching the human experience while using as few resources – particularly energy – as possible. The dynamic glass in this building plays a huge part in achieving those goals.” said Mark Schwettmann, Design Director at SOM.

“View’s smart glass is experiencing tremendous growth in modern offices driven by employee wellness, space utilization, and sustainability goals,” said Dr. Rao Mulpuri, CEO of View, Inc. “Access to natural light will have a bottom-line impact on City employee productivity, well-being, and engagement and create a world-class experience for visitors.”

Completion and occupancy are anticipated in the first half of 2020.

#### About View

View is a technology company creating smart and connected buildings to improve people's health and wellness, while simultaneously reducing energy consumption. View is also the market leader in smart windows that let in natural light and views and enhance mental and physical well-being by significantly reducing headaches, eyestrain and drowsiness. Every View installation includes a 'smart building platform' that consists of power, network and communication infrastructure. The recently released SmartProtect, is the first of several IoT applications on this platform designed to make building spaces healthier, smarter, and more productive. For more information, please visit: [view.com](http://view.com)

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