

## **Removing Blight, Eliminating Brownfields and Developing Homeownership Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities**

In 2007 the Redevelopment Agency purchased an abandoned gas station that occupied a prominent location in the City's downtown. With the use of redevelopment funds the Agency cleaned up on-site contamination and worked with a local developer to build an eight unit townhouse project. Two of these units were made affordable and were purchased by persons with developmental disabilities.



## **Helping New Business Owners Thrive and Create Jobs in Tough Times**

Since its inception in 2006, Livermore's Downtown Economic Incentive program has provided \$577,000 of assistance to 46 businesses in the form of low interest loans and grants. Despite the economic downturn, businesses receiving these funds created almost 200 new jobs over the last year.



A notable example of this success is the Livermore Alehouse. With the help of RDA funding, what was once a small struggling restaurant has turned into a thriving downtown setting. Using assistance provided by the Agency, the Alehouses took advantage of our Business Incentive Program and the downtown's new streetscape improvements to add outdoor seating, façade improvements and new signage. The business has grown to now include a much larger adjacent space and has hired over 40 new employees.

## **RDAs Create Safe Vibrant Communities**



Starting with the relocation of State Highway 84 out of the downtown and continuing on with over \$5,000,000 worth of infrastructure improvements funded by Redevelopment, Livermore's downtown has transformed itself from an underutilized blighted commercial area into a vibrant pedestrian friendly community center. Improvements included new streetscapes, sidewalks, and utility upgrades as well as the removal of truck traffic and the realignment of First Street. Traffic accidents have been dramatically reduced and no fatalities have occurred since these improvements have been put in place. Prior to these RDA funded upgrades, fatal accidents on Livermore Avenue and First Street would occur almost yearly.

## **Affordable Housing for our Most Vulnerable Seniors**



*In 2001, Livermore's Redevelopment Agency provided land and gap financing that enabled the development of Heritage Estates, a 380 unit senior continuum of care housing facility. Included in this development was over 100 units of housing for low and very low income seniors in need of congregate and assisted living services. No longer able to care for themselves, residents here are able to live out their lives in a safe affordable environment where they receive the services they needed, the respect they deserve.*