

# Redwood City Courthouse Square

Redwood City, CA



The central public place and primary catalyst project in the larger downtown revitalization plan. Positioned between the restored 1910 San Mateo County Courthouse and historic Fox Theatre, featuring two semi-enclosed cafe pavilions flanking a decoratively paved plaza space that frames views between the two historic structures.

## BEFORE

- A vacant Annex building of the historic Courthouse covered the prominent site.
- There was no central gathering space in the historic downtown.
- The most architecturally significant building in the downtown was obscured from view.



Prior to demolition, a vacant annex building blocked the view of the historic courthouse at Broadway and Middlefield Road.

## OUTCOMES

- Design approved by City Council in 2004
- Construction completed in February 2007
- Recognized with a 2007 Congress for the New Urbanism Charter Award, under the category, Block, Street, and Building Scale; 2008 California Redevelopment Association Award of Excellence for Public Space & Linkages; and a 2008 APWA South Bay Chapter Project of the Year award



**CLIENT:** City of Redwood City

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:** FMG Architects, SFE/Landscape Architects, Carlile Macy, Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design, Peter Kogan Associates, OLMM Consulting Engineers

**FTB:** When this project was completed the firm name was Freedman Tung & Bottomley (FTB).



View looking west across Courthouse Square from the East Pavilion.



Historic Courthouse, flanking pavilions, and Courthouse Square framed by formal date palm planting.



View of West Pavilion, outdoor dining, fountain cascade, and seatwalls.