

Florida's First Affordable Housing Unit for LGBTQ+ Seniors Opens in Wilton Manors

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Shutts & Bowen is pleased to congratulate Miami-based Carrfour and [The Pride Center](#) on the opening of [The Residences at Equality Park](#) in Wilton Manors, Florida.

The Residences, a \$15.3 million affordable housing development, is Florida's first affordable housing project with supportive services for LGBTQ+ seniors. The project provides permanent affordable housing coupled with on-site supportive services for low-income senior adults ages 55 and older living with disabling conditions such as physical illnesses or disabilities due to complications from diseases including HIV/AIDS.

The four-story apartment building includes 48 units ranging in size from studios to two-bedroom apartments. Amenities include a fitness center, a library, and a computer room. Also featured on the greater Equality Park campus are 30,000 sf of office and meeting space for programs and services.

Carrfour – Florida's largest nonprofit affordable housing developer – served as the project's developer, operator and service coordinator. The Pride Center – one of the country's largest nonprofit LGBTQ+ community centers – provides onsite services including service linkage, senior support groups, wellness workshops, recreational activities, cultural events, and more.

Shutts & Bowen partner [David Coviello](#) served as the land use and zoning attorney for the project, working with Wilton Manors and Broward County government officials to secure site plan, land use, and zoning approvals.

"Carrfour and The Pride Center have done an incredible thing in bringing this project to fruition at a time when there is such a great need for affordable housing in South Florida," David said. "The Residences will give its residents a safe, culturally sensitive place in which to age with dignity."

To read more about the development, please click [here](#).

About David J. Coviello

[David Coviello](#) is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Land Use & Zoning Practice Group. David concentrates his practice on land use and zoning matters, and regularly assists developers and property owners in obtaining entitlements for their projects, including site plan and other zoning approvals, as well as handles subdivision and platting, and permitting and construction related matters. David also has significant experience representing not-for-profit organizations in securing approvals for affordable housing, workforce housing, and mixed-income housing developments throughout South Florida, and has a solid understanding of the

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unique requirements and incentives for such developments.

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