“Everything is in walking distance. The BART station is around the corner . . . A lot of times I can walk or bike to where I need to go . . . [Seniors] in this building may have some difficulties getting around . . . If they have a wheelchair, they can just go across the street to the supermarket. So they have some form of independence with this building.

- Russell
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- Senate District 10 (Wieckowski) | Assembly District 20 (Quirk)
- Affordable Units: 60
- Greenhouse Gas Reductions: 11,613 metric tons
- Developer: Meta Housing Corporation

Downtown Hayward Senior Apartments features 60 units of affordable housing for extremely low, very low, and low income residents. One resident, Lincoln, described the importance of this affordability and stability: “I feel comfortable and much . . . safer and secure here than where I was before. Because I can afford it. Over there, you know I didn’t know whether I was going to be able to stay the next month because they kept going up on the rent.”

The building is located less than a five-minute walk from the Hayward BART station, providing easy access to employment and other amenities. It is also walking distance to downtown jobs, as well as shopping and other conveniences. Lincoln explained, "This is what a senior needs, convenience, so that they don't have to worry about how they are going to get where they need to go." By investing in housing that is close to transit and other amenities, residents are able to reach destinations without driving a car. The development also provides 16 secure overnight bicycle spaces onsite for residents as well as new bike lockers at the neighborhood BART station.