

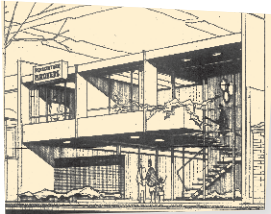
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2319 K Street

Office for Associated Brokers, Inc.

Architect: Dean F. Unger, FAIA  
Construction: Stoddard Construction  
Date: 1960

This office building originally featured materials such as glass, aluminum and terrazzo. Though renovated, many of the building's handsome modern features have survived: its open staircase, floor-to-ceiling windows, and decorative block wall.



For over 50 years, Dean Unger designed numerous commercial, residential, educational, and administrative buildings throughout Northern California. Major Sacramento works included Teichert Corporate Headquarters and the acclaimed Crossroads Shopping Center across from Executive Airport, which he co-designed with Ernest J. Kump Associates. Unger's architectural firm was founded in 1959 and remains active today.

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2424 K Street

Office for Ron Watkins

Architect: Carter E. Sparks  
Construction: Frank Marsalla  
Date: 1964

This office originally featured natural stone walls, cantilevered roof planters and an exterior court that featured a rock garden and pond. Though remodeled, many of the building's modern features remain, such as its strong rectilinear lines and the expansive use of glass.



Carter Sparks is one of Sacramento's most widely recognized and celebrated architects. His largest body of work (over 3,000 homes) was for Streng Bros. Homes in the greater Sacramento area. He also designed dozens of custom homes as well as churches, commercial buildings and schools. For more information about Carter Sparks, visit [cartersparks.org](http://cartersparks.org).

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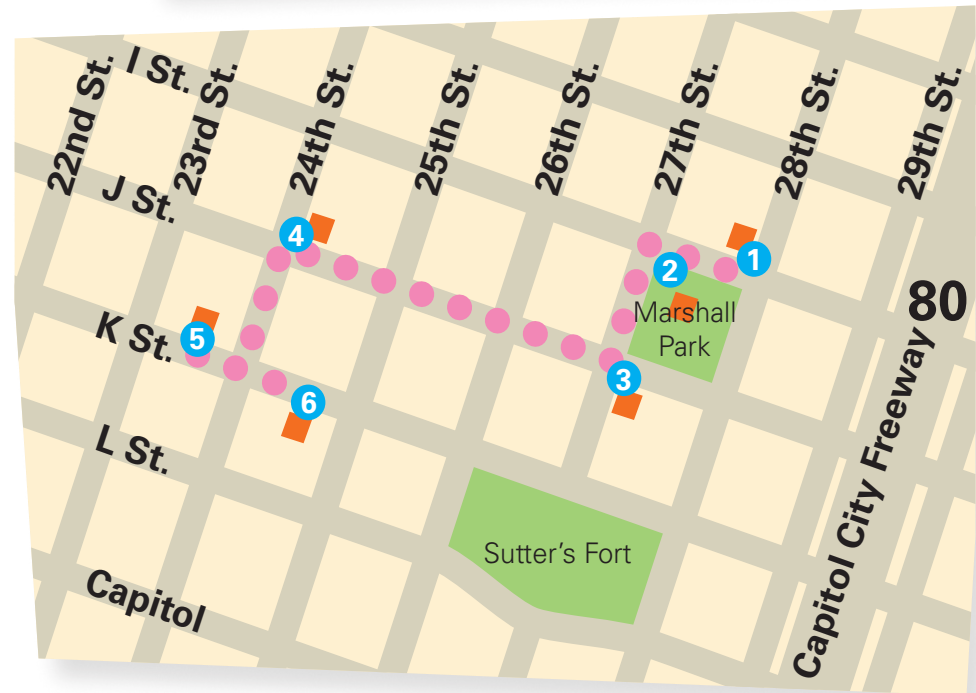
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# Mid-Century Modern

## 2011 Midtown Commercial Tour



# Sunday, September 18, 2011

Celebrating six mid-century modern buildings  
in Midtown, Sacramento

# Dear Mid-Century Modern Enthusiasts

Welcome to SacMod's self-guided commercial building walking tour, which was developed at the encouragement of Sacramento Old City Association (SOCA) to complement their 36th Home Tour. SacMod's tour features the exteriors of six commercial mid-20th century buildings in Midtown.

We'd like to thank SOCA for inviting us and to say thank you to everyone who has participated in SacMod's past events. We invite you to participate in future events and join SacMod, our non-profit dedicated to promoting, preserving and protecting modern art, architecture and design in the Sacramento area.

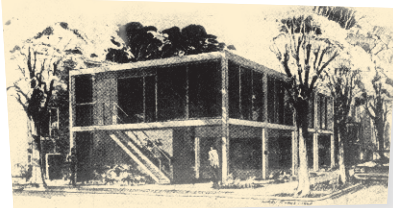
## 1 2729 I Street Office of Dreyfuss & Blackford

**Architects:** Albert M. Dreyfuss, FAIA and Leonard D. Blackford, FAIA  
**Construction:** Guth & Schmidt  
**Date:** 1961

Designed to house Dreyfuss & Blackford's architectural firm, this building's timeless design features a simple and elegant steel frame with floor-to-ceiling windows and integrated lower level parking.



Dreyfuss & Blackford received numerous awards and international recognition for their mid-20th century designs, including feature articles in prestigious magazines such as *Architectural Forum* and *Architectural Record*. Their vast portfolio included commercial, civic, health, housing, educational, recreational and industrial structures; most notably, the SMUD Headquarters building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. This year their firm celebrated its 61st year of practice.



## 2 915 27th Street Sacramento Senior Citizens Center

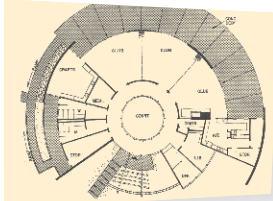
**Architect:** Herbert E. Goodpastor  
**Construction:** Stetson Shuey  
**Date:** 1961

The center's circular and innovative design was featured in *Architectural Record* in 1962. Original materials included stone, porcelain enamel panels, and vertical fir siding inside and out. Courtyards, rooms, and patios all incorporated ample lighting and views of the natural beauty of the park.



The center is a later example of Goodpastor's

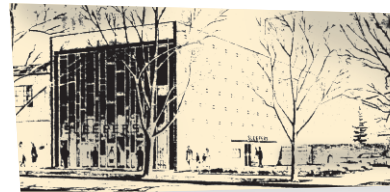
architectural work in Sacramento which was completed over a span of about 30 years. He designed residences, churches, commercial buildings, schools, and theaters, including the Colonial Theatre. Goodpastor's downtown modern building for Jackson's Furniture was featured in *Architect & Engineer* in 1947. A residence designed with input from Jackson's employees was highlighted in *Life* magazine in 1954. That same year Goodpastor's plant for McKesson & Robbins and an office for A. Teichert & Sons were recognized by *Architectural Record*.



## 3 2700 J Street Sleeper Stamp & Stationery

**Architects:** Alfred M. Fisher and Robert B. Metcalf  
**Construction:** Peterson & Associates  
**Date:** 1962

Originally built for Sacramento's premier stationery and rubber stamp store, this striking two-story building featured sandblasted concrete aggregate block walls, a decorative staircase connecting the mezzanine and main floors, and decorative amber and gray glass panels in the front.



With William Koblik, Fisher helped design other well-known buildings in Sacramento, including several regional-area schools, Temple B'nai Israel, Gunther's Ice Cream shop, and South Hills Shopping Center in South Land Park. Metcalf was the chief designer for Koblik & Fisher and also designed several churches and social buildings in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

## 4 2407 J Street Building for Danis Cladianos and Isaac Berger

**Architects:** Leonard F. Starks, Joseph J. Jozens and Daniel J. Nacht  
**Construction:** Lawrence Construction Company  
**Date:** 1961

Metal grilles are the most striking feature of this three-story office building. They serve two functions: as screens for shade and as decorative elements. Materials for this then state-of-the-art building included walls of concrete, steel and aluminum, cellular steel floors with built-in conduit and telephone wiring, and steel and glass partitions.



In the mid-20th century, Starks, Jozens & Nacht designed educational, medical, social, commercial, and civic buildings. Major Sacramento works include Sacramento County Courthouse, Sutter Memorial Hospital, and the Scottish Rite Temple. Their design for Ponderosa High School in Shingle Springs was featured in *Architectural Record* in 1964. Their architectural firm, founded in 1928 by Starks, continues to this day as Nacht and Lewis Architects.