



Mario Gonzales, Michael Braun and Mayor DeRosa rang the historic mission bell for the first time as doves were released during the Grand Opening ceremony of Campanile, a new residential walking village in the heart of the desert, Cathedral City, California. Lee Iverson then made a presentation highlighting the unique land planning and architecture of the community.

Since opening in March of 2006, sales of the nine plans have been brisk. Campanile differs from the conventional desert development by having a series of interconnected neighborhoods each focused on a paseo, or walking path. The neighborhoods have a mixture of either large and medium sized single family homes or medium sized homes and smaller courtyard homes. The circulation pattern and design of the homes creates a pedestrian environment and minimizes the impact of the automobile. The

network of bicycle and walking paths link the neighborhoods to one another, to the recreation center, and to a future small main street commercial area.

Varying the massing of the homes and having different lot widths provides visual interest. The large lot homes are predominately one story, the medium sized homes have one and two story facades, and the small lot cluster homes are all two story. Each series of homes is offered with a choice of three elevations from four architectural styles, Spanish, Italian, Bungalow, and Traditional which adds to the diversity within the community.

To reinforce the pedestrian environment, the small and medium lot homes have their garages at the rear and the larger homes are on lots that are wide enough to minimize the effect of the garage. Front porches and courtyards encourage interaction and connections to make Campanile a people friendly place.