

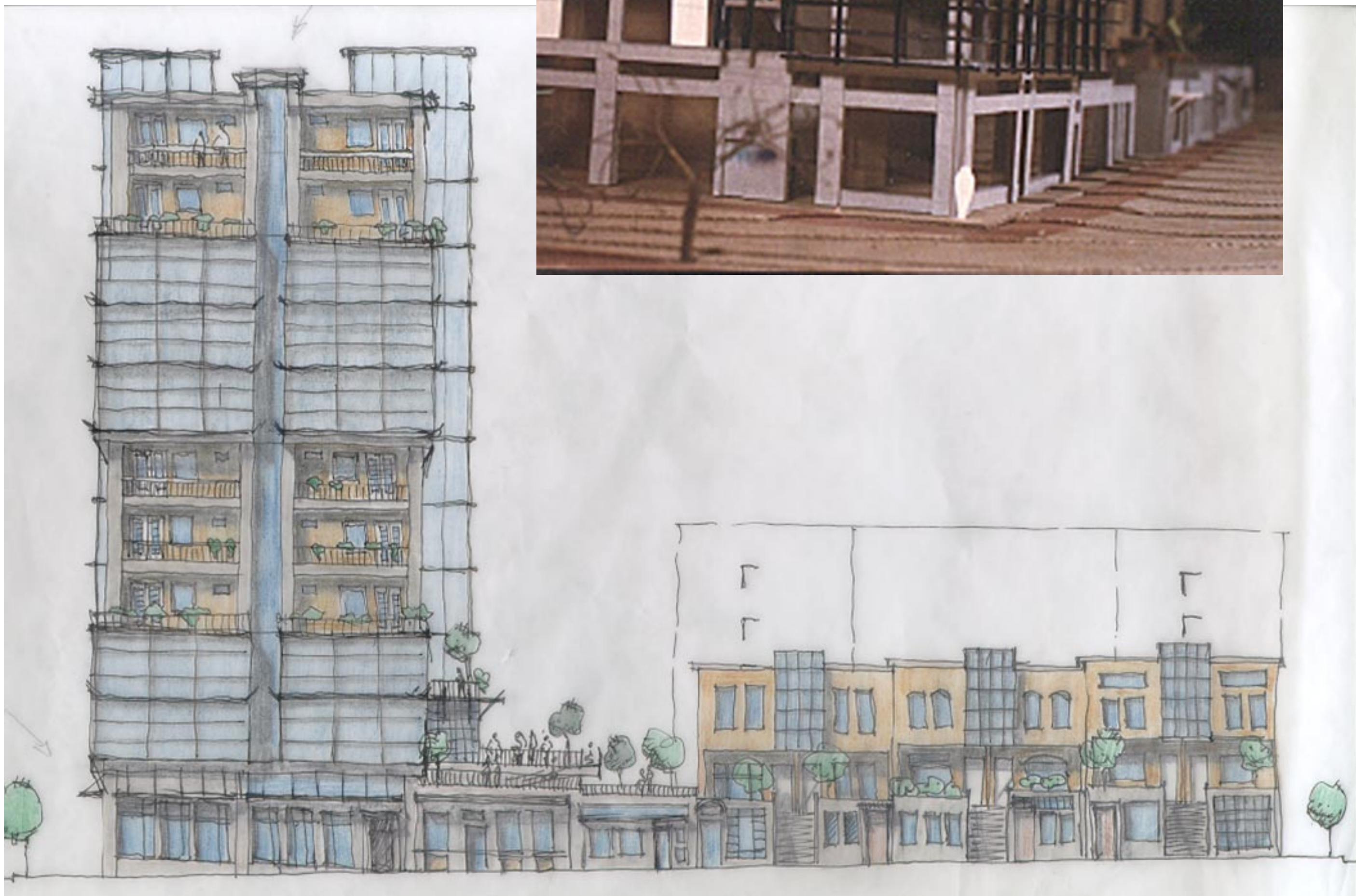
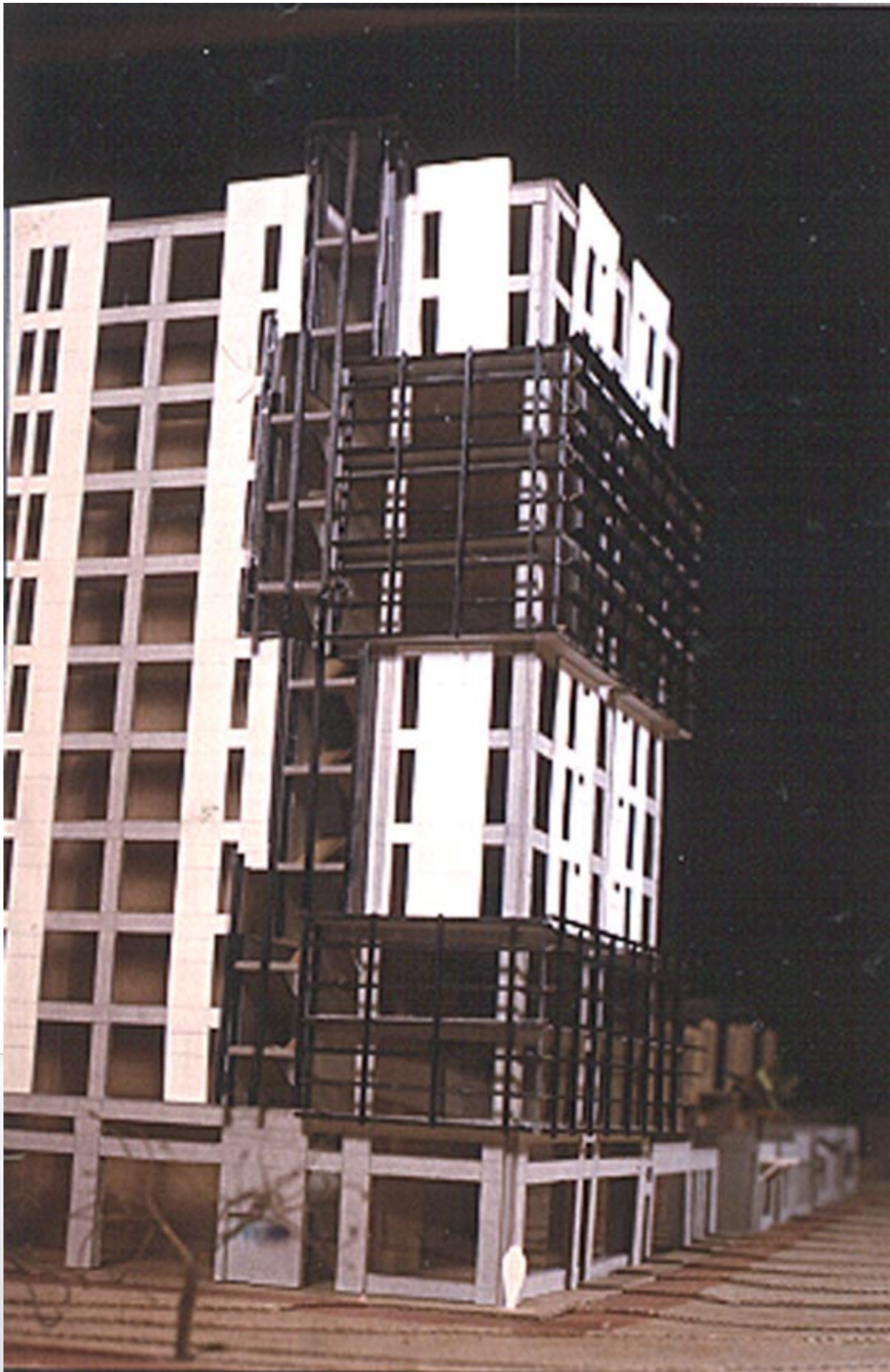
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reach development

affordable housing for formerly homeless

This is a project that is currently being built down the street from my home. Though we were unable to work directly with the ultimate user group, we did work closely with the architect, CDC, and neighborhood association to create a more collaborative product. Our program consisted of 90 units of housing for formerly homeless individuals and families, a community center, parking for 40 cars, retail space on ground-level, an exercise room, and 6-9 market-rate condo units. I chose to explore a tower option with a 100 x 60 ft. footprint. The tower has an additional 30 units of housing which help keep the building affordable and efficient. The site is located at the edge of the industrial sanctuary in SE Portland at the top of a rise. Views to the west are of downtown. It was my intent to create a lantern on the east side of the Willamette River, engaging it in a dialogue with the towers of downtown. I am not convinced that high-rises are an appropriate means of housing people with few options but I do feel that this was a worthwhile exploration both architecturally and socially.



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