

Studio Urbis Design in Lafayette Selected for 2025 East Bay Home Tours

Designed for life in sync with nature, the home balances privacy, openness, and topography in a wooded Lafayette setting.

LAFAYETTE, CA, UNITED STATES, April 18, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Reciprocity House, designed by [Studio Urbis](#), has been selected for the prestigious [2025 East Bay Home Tours](#), an annual celebration of exceptional residential architecture presented by [AIA East Bay](#). Tucked deep within a suburban block, this remarkable home harmonizes architecture and landscape—integrating steep topography, a running creek, and a grove of mature oak trees into daily family life.



View of Reciprocity House from Creek

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Homeowner Amanda Walter*

“This house is about living with the landscape, not just on it,” says Renee Chow, architect and Principal at Studio Urbis. “We approached the design as a landscape in dialogue with nature—moments of openness and light alternating with shelter and enclosure.”

Reciprocity House is organized as a rhythmic sequence of structures and voids. The journey begins with a guest house nestled into the hillside. A garage and office are oriented to frame views of the creek. The public living spaces extend like a peninsula from the entry courtyard

toward the water’s edge, while the primary suite is set back upslope for quiet and privacy. A continuous path ties it all together, weaving through the courtyard and linking each distinct zone.

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Materially grounded and visually fluid, the home combines concrete, wood, and glass in a language that emphasizes connection and reflection. Carefully framed views and strategic

openings blur the line between interior and exterior, while maintaining warmth and livability for a family of four.

“Reciprocity House is a thoughtful response to a complex site and a beautiful example of client-architect collaboration,” says Michael Wilson, Executive Director of AIA East Bay. “It’s grounded in nature, shaped by craft, and full of heart.”

The 2025 East Bay Home Tours will feature Reciprocity House along with other architecturally significant homes across the region.

Tickets and full details are available at 2025 East Bay Home Tours

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Reciprocity House Living Room



Indoor outdoor Kitchen

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