



Progressive Builders Delivers Purpose-Built ADU for Pacific Palisades Homeowner

Custom-Built Secondary Residence Provides a Flexible Solution Designed Around the Homeowner's Lifestyle and Long-Term Needs

PACIFIC PALISADES, CA, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Pacific Palisades, CA — September 16, 2026 — Progressive Builders, a licensed Los Angeles County general contractor, has completed a [custom accessory dwelling unit \(ADU\) project for a Pacific Palisades](#) homeowner. The project transformed available residential space into an independent living environment designed around the homeowner's specific needs, lifestyle, and long-term plans.

The project was delivered through a coordinated design-and-construction process, including layout development, functional planning, permitting coordination, material selection, and construction. Rather than relying on a standard floor plan, Progressive Builders designed the ADU around the property's characteristics and the homeowner's intended use.

The completed project demonstrates how thoughtful [ADU design and construction in Pacific Palisades](#) can add practical living space while expanding the possibilities of an existing residential property.

Developing a Custom ADU Plan Around the Property

The project began with an assessment of the available space and discussions about how the homeowner wanted the ADU to function. The objective was to create a private secondary living environment that felt connected to the property while preserving the new unit's independence.

Progressive Builders considered the site's available footprint, access, privacy, natural light, circulation, and relationship to the primary residence before developing the layout. These factors helped establish a design that balanced everyday comfort with efficient use of space.

Translating the Homeowner's Needs Into the Layout

Instead of treating the ADU as an additional room, the team approached it as a complete living environment. The team planned the living, sleeping, kitchen, bathroom, entry, and storage areas to work together without making the interior feel unnecessarily crowded.

The layout also kept the space adaptable. Its configuration can support different uses over time, including accommodations for family members or guests, a private workspace, or an independent living arrangement.

“Our goal was to create an ADU that felt intentional from the first step inside,” said Arik Filmus, Founder of Progressive Builders. “The homeowner had a clear idea of what the space needed to accomplish, and our responsibility was to turn those priorities into a practical design that would remain useful for years to come.”

Balancing Functionality, Comfort, and Modern Design

With the overall layout established, the project team refined the interior around functionality and everyday usability. The team considered every major area in terms of movement, storage, privacy, and the homeowner's interaction with the space.

The design incorporated contemporary finishes and modern conveniences while maintaining a comfortable residential character. Natural light and efficient room organization were also considered to help the ADU feel open despite its limited footprint.

Creating an Efficient Living Area

The living area was planned to provide enough flexibility for everyday activities without consuming space needed for other functions. Its placement in the floor plan supports natural movement between the ADU's primary areas.

Integrating Essential Kitchen and Bathroom Spaces

The design incorporated kitchen and bathroom areas, focusing on convenience and efficient use of the available square footage. Fixtures, finishes, and storage elements were selected to support the unit's independent functionality while maintaining a cohesive interior appearance.

Making Storage Part of the Design

Storage was considered during the layout stage rather than treated as an afterthought. Strategic placement of storage areas helped maintain usable floor space while providing practical room for everyday belongings.

Navigating the Permitting Process Before Construction

Permitting was an important component of the project before construction could proceed. ADU development must account for applicable planning, zoning, building, and safety requirements, making early coordination essential to the overall project timeline.

Progressive Builders incorporated permitting into the broader planning process, coordinating documentation and approval requirements alongside ADU design development.

Aligning the Design With Local Requirements

The team addressed regulatory considerations during the design stage rather than treating them as a separate step after the plans were completed. This approach helped establish a clearer framework for construction and allowed the team to identify project requirements before work began.

For homeowners exploring [ADU construction in Pacific Palisades](#), incorporating permitting considerations early can help create a more organized path from the initial concept through construction.

Executing the ADU Construction Process

Once planning and approvals were completed, Progressive Builders moved into the construction phase. The team coordinated the various elements of the build while maintaining the design intent established during the earlier planning stages.

Construction involved the structural components, interior systems, fixtures, finishes, and other elements required to transform the approved design into a complete residential space.

Building From the Approved Plans

The construction process followed the established layout and project specifications. Each stage was coordinated to ensure consistency between the approved design and the on-site work.

Attention to the relationship between individual construction elements helped ensure that the finished ADU functioned as an integrated living environment rather than a collection of separate features.

Incorporating Modern Features

Modern features were selected with practical use in mind. Contemporary finishes, efficient room organization, natural light, and updated fixtures contributed to a polished interior while supporting the homeowner's everyday needs.

The result combines a modern residential aesthetic with features intended to make the space comfortable and adaptable for changing uses.

Completing a Flexible Addition to the Property

Following construction, Progressive Builders completed a final review of the ADU to ensure the finished space reflected the approved design and intended functionality. The completed unit provides the homeowner with a dedicated secondary living environment without requiring major changes to the primary residence.

The additional space provides flexibility for the household and can accommodate changing needs. The same purpose-built structure can support guests, family members, remote work, or independent living.

A thoughtfully designed ADU can also expand the long-term utility of a residential property by adding adaptable space that remains useful beyond its original purpose.

“An ADU can be much more than additional square footage,” Filmus said. “When the design reflects how a homeowner actually lives, the finished space becomes a valuable part of the property rather than simply an extra structure.”

The successful completion of the Pacific Palisades project highlights Progressive Builders' approach to custom ADU design and construction, bringing planning, permitting coordination, construction, and final delivery together through a coordinated process.

About Progressive Builders

Progressive Builders is a licensed Los Angeles County general contractor specializing in custom ADU design and construction, new construction, ADU construction, and residential remodeling. Founded by Arik Filmus, the company provides coordinated project services, including design, planning, permitting, construction, and project completion.

Progressive Builders develops customized ADU solutions based on each property's available space, intended use, design preferences, and long-term objectives. The company serves Pacific Palisades and communities throughout Southern California.

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