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**THE OLSON COMPANY'S DEPOT WALK COMMUNITY
AWARDED 2008 BUILDER'S CHOICE GRAND AWARD BY BUILDER MAGAZINE**

SEAL BEACH, CA – The Olson Company has been awarded the “2008 Builders Choice Grand Award” as the Country’s Best Green/ Sustainable Community by Builder Magazine for its Depot Walk community located in Orange, California.

“This highly prestigious national award is especially gratifying on the anniversary of our company’s 20th year of building environmentally friendly in-town communities in established neighborhoods throughout California,” according to Steve Olson, Chairman/ CEO of The Olson Company.

Depot Walk features 32 brownstone homes incorporating sustainable design and construction techniques and the use of recycled materials that have also garnered this project a coveted LEED Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. Sustainable features include rooftop photovoltaic (solar) panels that provide 50 percent of each home’s electricity needs, plus tankless water heaters, dual flush toilets, drought-resistant landscaping, limited use of turf, satellite-controlled irrigation systems, and permeable concrete for parking and walkways.

Located adjacent to a popular regional MetroLink transit stop utilized by daily commuters throughout Southern California, Depot Walk residents enjoys close walking proximity to retail, dining, entertainment, jobs and services in Old Towne Orange. “This community is the quintessential model of our business niche that has made Olson Homes highly desirable by our homebuyers and city partners throughout California,” noted Olson.



Depot Walk by The Olson Company incorporates architectural elements complimenting the area's historic Old Towne Orange with contemporary interior design finishes.

About The Olson Company

Founded in 1988, The Olson Company is California's leading developer of innovative and affordable In-town locations. The Olson Company creates uniquely designed communities which redevelop and enhance neighborhoods utilizing transit-oriented developments, live/work, mixed use developments, brownstones, single family attached and detached homes in partnerships with cities and other agencies. Headquartered in Southern California with regional offices in Northern California, Olson is a recipient of America's "Builder of the Year." Further information about Olson Homes can be obtained online at Olsonhomes.com.

Current list of selling Olson California Communities

- Almaden Walk – San Jose
- Citrus Walk – Ventura
- Cypress Walk – Pacifica
- Garden Walk - Hayward
- Depot Walk – Orange
- Juliette Walk – Buellton
- Lotus Walk – Garden Grove
- Soco Walk – Fullerton
- Village Walk – San Lorenzo
- Willow Walk – Compton