

# SUTTERS FORT LIGHTING IMPACT REPORT



Midtown Parks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase health and community engagement by investing in Midtown parks.

## OBJECTIVE

In an ongoing effort to increase the vibrancy of Midtown's parks through investments in lighting, art, events and other public space amenities, exterior lighting was installed along the walls of Sutter's Fort. This project aims to increase visibility and improve safety in the evening hours, as well as encourage usage of the surrounding park by nearby residents, employees and visitors.

## OVERVIEW

Sutter's Fort is a premier destination with historical significance in Sacramento. However, activity around the fort typically wanes into the evening hours due to low lighting and can invite unwanted behavior and increase the need for enforcement activity. With over 7K nearby residents, several development projects—including two hotels—and the adjacent Sutter Health campus, there is great potential for the park to serve as an amenity for the surrounding community, offering opportunities for community connection and wellness activities.

In 2020, the installation of LED lighting at the fort was adopted into Midtown Parks' strategic plan. Midtown Parks secured \$65K in funding and identified Michael Sestak with Sestak Lighting Design to serve as the lighting specialist. Through planning sessions, the project was broken down into two phases: phase one focusing on the exterior facing walls of the fort structure itself, with phase two focusing on the State Indian Museum and pond area. Project partners explored various options for the lighting and mounting while taking into special consideration the historic nature of the fort and the intent to cause minimal impact by the project, both visually and structurally.

The contractor selection and installation process took place throughout 2022, with the project being completed in November.

## SPONSORS & PARTNERS

SUTTER HEALTH | SMUD | HUME DEVELOPMENT | CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS | MIDTOWN ASSOCIATION  
MIDTOWN PARKS | SESTAK LIGHTING DESIGN

## IMPACTFUL METRICS

109

Lights

6

Sponsors  
& Partners

1.1K

Linear Feet

7K

Year Round  
Residents

6

Acres of  
Surrounding  
Park

\$65K

Investment  
Amount

## PHOTOS



Sutter's Fort before and after our lighting project.

## NEXT PHASE OF PROJECT

The second phase of the Sutter's Fort lighting project will focus on the perimeter of the State Indian Museum as well as landscape lighting surrounding the adjacent pond and walking path areas. Planning efforts and fundraising will kick off in early 2023.