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A Decade of Making a Difference

In 1997, downtown Napa languished. Talk was about restoring a river, constructing a center to celebrate wine and food, and completing the Opera House dream. Gaw Van Male faced a very difficult decision. *Move out or stay in downtown?*

Long before it was a sure thing, Gaw Van Male bet its future on construction of a \$6 million three-story class A office building, the first of its kind in more than half a century. At the former site of Brewster's.

Remember Brewster's surplus store, at the corner of First and Main Streets, at the very heart of historic downtown Napa, a vagrant at the doorsteps of the vacant Napa Valley Opera House?

Next door, Gaw Van Male now looks over a town transformed. Its former home, the restored historic Winship Building, the Napa River restoration project and the First Street Bridge completed a year ago, and COPIA now complete.

With recovery underway and projects coming to fruition, it's a very good vantage point, one built on leadership when the downtown needed tangible action more than words.



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