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## New condo building breaks ground in downtown Boca



This rendering shows how the nine-story condominium building at 327 East Royal Palm Road will look.



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Build it, and they will come: Another condo building is on the way in downtown Boca

Crews broke ground Friday on the latest condominium building to go up in downtown **Boca Raton**.

Mayor Susan Haynie joined a crowd of about 25 at a 10:30 a.m. ceremony at the site, located at 327 Royal Palm Blvd., to celebrate.

"We're very excited the project is under construction," said Ignacio Diaz, co-operating manager of the project's developer, Group P6. "We're the only real project for condos truly being built in east Boca right now."

The new construction comes at a time when some residents are dissatisfied with the city's handling of development downtown. Some have even asked for a temporary ban on such projects.

The nine-story condominium building, known as 327 Royal Palm, also was the topic of a special meeting earlier this month.

During that meeting, city staff told members of the City Council and the public that the project not only complies with the city's open-space requirement but exceeds it. The building also obeys the city's 100-foot height limit.

Ultimately, the City Council agreed the developer should get the permit needed to build. Construction of the 24-unit building is expected to be finished by end of 2017. Units start at \$1.6 million and go up to \$5 million.

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