The community of North Park in San Diego, CA, is undergoing major improvement projects in both its residential and commercial sectors. As development in the inner city becomes more prevalent, ‘green’ design options are increasingly in demand. Carter Reese & Associates, the developer of Renaissance in North Park, wanted to incorporate a natural daylighting element in the project, but a traditional skylight would have conflicted with mechanical systems in the roof. Given homebuyer interest in ‘green’ design, Carter Reese decided to incorporate natural lighting fixtures by using Solatube® Daylighting Systems in the town homes.

**Objective**
The purpose of the project was to provide homeowners with an aesthetically pleasing natural daylighting solution.

**Products Used**
Brighten Up® Series -
42 Solatube 290 DS (14 in/350 mm Daylighting System)

**Solution**
The Renaissance town homes are two- to three-bedroom, 2.5- to three-bathroom homes each of approximately 1,500 square feet. Due to mechanical systems in the building’s attic, Solatube Daylighting Systems were selected as the daylighting fixture of choice, offering flexibility within the design scheme. Two Solatube Daylighting Systems were installed in each town home: one in the master bathroom and one in a hallway. The Daylighting Systems provided natural lighting solutions to the spaces, which pleased homeowners, but were also functional and user-friendly products for the developer within the design application.

**Testimonial**
“The Solatube product exceeded our expectations; it provided natural light to spaces that otherwise would not get it. Additionally, its installation was quick and easy not to mention less obtrusive than normal framed skylight shaft installations.”

**Robert Henderson, Director of Construction**
Carter Reese & Associates