

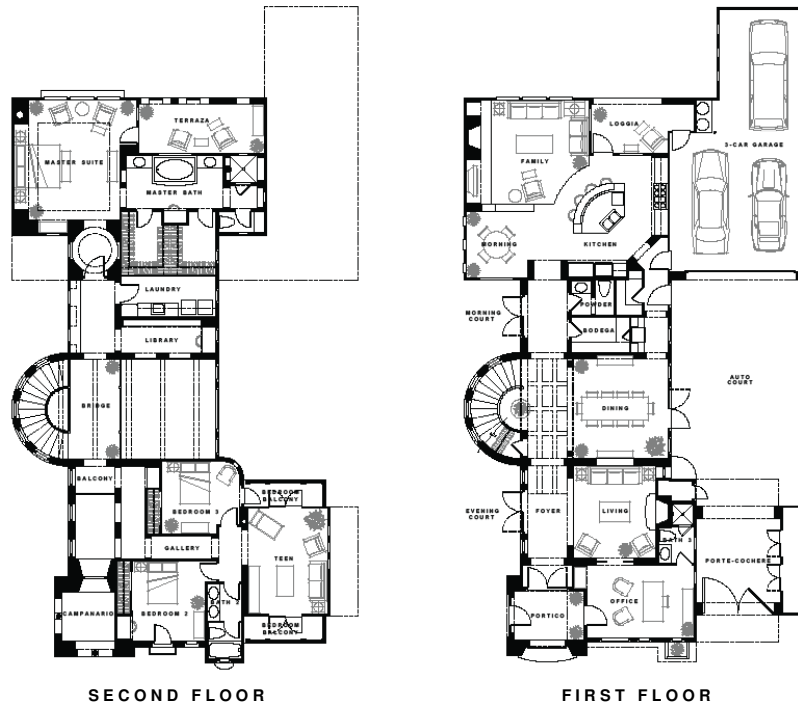
# Dos Palmas at Belmont Heights

- **LOCATION:** LONG BEACH, CA
- **LOT SIZE:** 60' x 135'
- **S. F.:** 3,911

The greatest single influence in the design of this residence was the richness of architectural character inherent in the community of Belmont Heights. The objective was to design a home that respects the residential legacy of the neighborhood, and settles comfortably into the street scene as if it were one of the many original residences that the architectural heritage of Belmont Heights was built upon.

The plan concept sprung from inspiration provided by two mature canary island date palm trees, from which the primary entrance and plan's circulation axis center upon. The entry tower element of the portico and campanario is positioned majestically between the palm trees, with a porte-cochere entrance to a motor court located at the opposite corner of the front elevation. Casual indoor/outdoor living is reinforced through the use of courtyard spaces that relate to both the formal and informal areas of the home. A gracefully curved stair and bridge, provide access to the second floor with the master suite secluded toward the rear of the home. The elevation is spanish colonial in character with well-proportioned architectural features and an abundance of hand-crafted detailing.

In the final analysis, the house sits proudly among its neighborhood predecessors, and provides its owner's with an architecturally strong home, ripe for casual entertaining and the Southern California lifestyle.



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