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Los Angeles Historic Resources Survey



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Portland Historic Landmarks Commission
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Firm Background

PLANNING



- 9 architectural historians / preservation planners
- 1 AICP certified planner

ARCHITECTURE



- 18 historical architects
- 7 design professionals
- 14 LEED AP

CONSERVATION



- 4 architectural conservators
- 5 conservation specialists
- In-house conservation lab and investigation team









The Los Angeles Historic Resource Survey Report

A Framework
for a Citywide Historic
Resource Survey



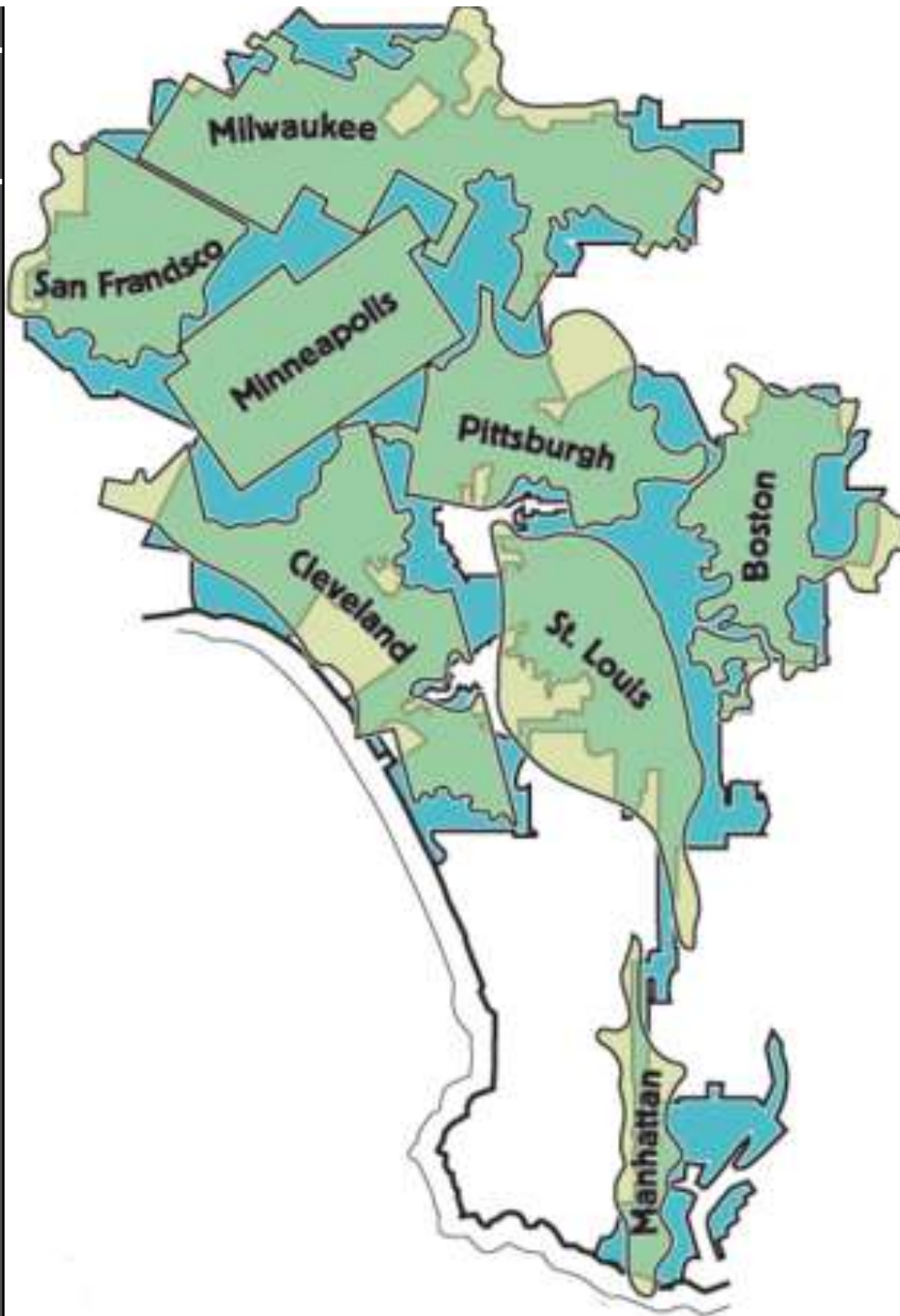
The Getty Conservation Institute

- Comprehensive citywide survey
- Funded by a \$2.5 million matching grant agreement with the J. Paul Getty Foundation
- Surveys completed by consultants meeting Secretary of the Interior's *Professional Qualification Standards in Architectural History and/or History*
- Uses a custom Field Guide Survey System (FiGSS), which has a GIS framework



Size of Los Angeles:

- 466 square miles
- 880,000 legal parcels
- Range and complexity of resources



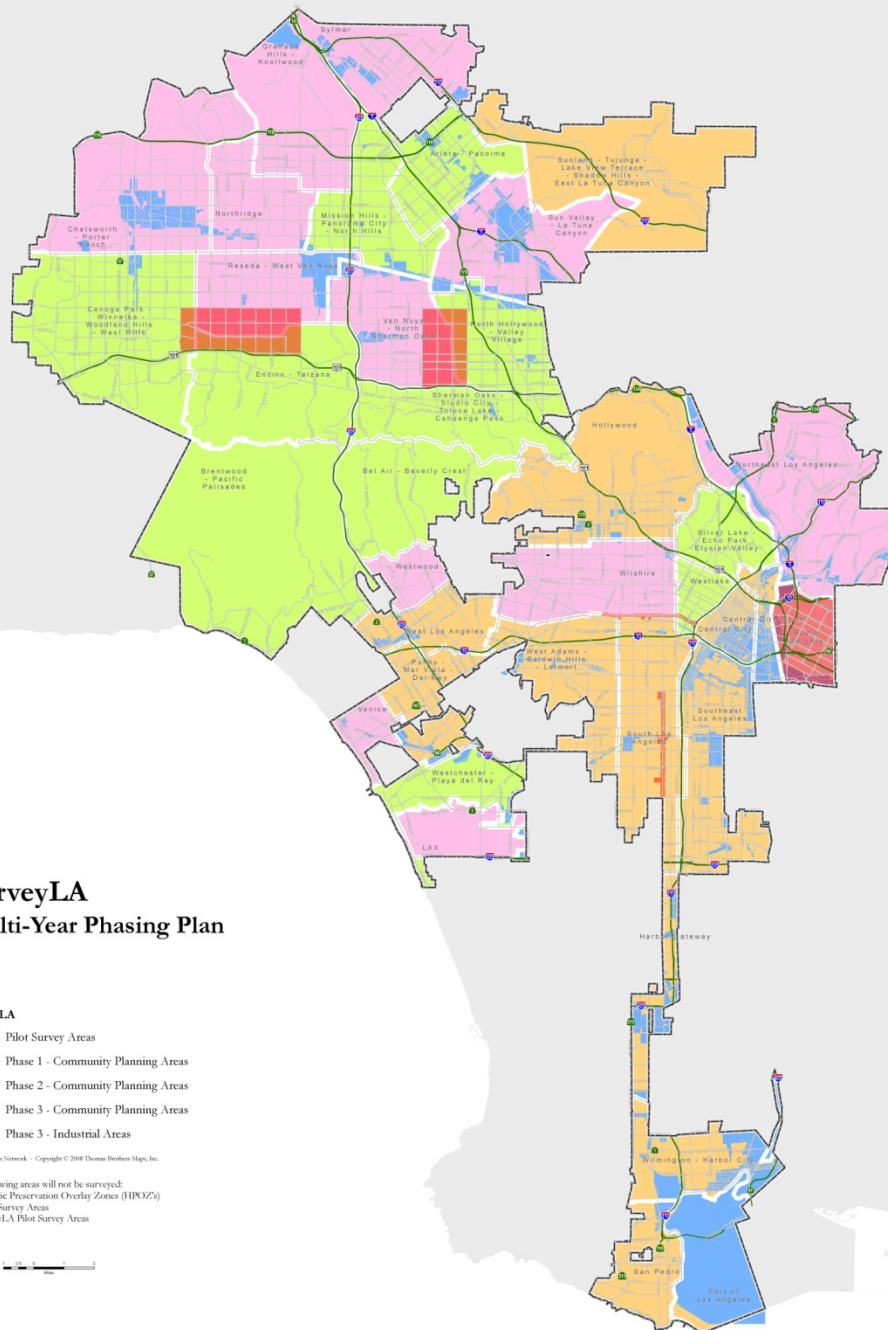


PHASE I: INITIATION PHASE (2 years)

- Citywide Historic Context Statement
- Public Participation Program
- Custom Field Database
- Pilot Surveys

PHASE II: IMPLEMENTATION PHASE (5+ years)

- Field Surveys, phased by Community Plan Area (37 total). Organized into nine survey “groups”



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Multi-Year Phasing Plan

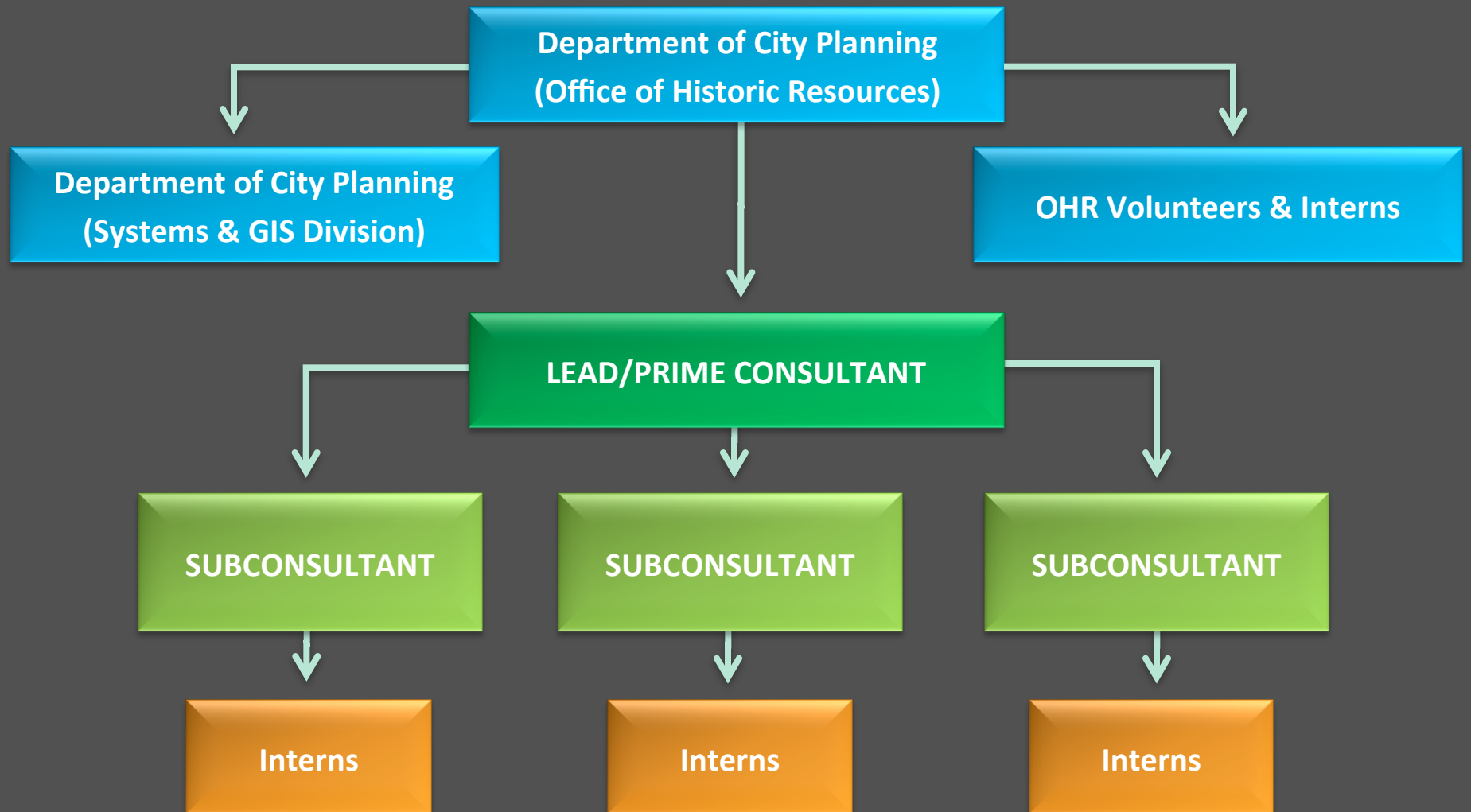
- SurveyLA**
- Pilot Survey Areas
 - Phase 1 - Community Planning Areas
 - Phase 2 - Community Planning Areas
 - Phase 3 - Community Planning Areas
 - Phase 3 - Industrial Areas

The following areas will not be surveyed:

- Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs)
- CRA Survey Areas
- SurveyLA Pilot Survey Areas



- Organized by Community Plan Area (CPA) – Land Use Element of General Plan
- Integrates historic preservation more fully into planning
- Ensures that changes to CPA will not adversely affect historic resources



Historic Resources Identification Form

Please answer as many of the following questions as you can. Most important to us are (1) the name, (2) address, and (3) why you find the resource important. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

* Note: By completing this form you are giving the City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources permission to publish your comments on the web site and in other educational materials. We will not publish any of your contact information.

1. **Name of Resource** (name of building, place, or neighborhood):
2. **Address/Location** (be as specific as possible; for neighborhoods or historic districts describe the boundaries of the area):
3. **Why is this individual resource or neighborhood significant?** (architecture and design qualities, association with an important person, group, organization, event, historical theme or trend, etc.)
4. **How would you describe the resource type?** (residential neighborhood, park, house, school, commercial building, business district, street, natural feature, etc.)
5. **If it is a building or structure, when was it constructed?** (provide the exact year(s) or an estimate)
6. **If it is a neighborhood or historic district, what is the period of time represented by the resources?** (provide a range of dates)
7. **If applicable, can you name the architectural style(s) present?**
8. **Can you recommend a person, organization, or other source with more information or stories about this resource?**
9. **Do you have photographs?** Yes No
Digital or scanned photographs may be e-mailed to: Planning.SurveyLA@lacity.org

10. Your Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

* The City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources may publish:

- Yes, you have my permission to publish my name to highlight the connection between people and places.
 No, please consider my identified place, but do not share my name

Please return this form via mail, email or fax to:
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- Speakers Bureau Program
- SurveyLA Video
- Multilingual Brochures
- Volunteer Program
- MyHistoricLA.org (Mindmixer)
- SurveyLA blog, twitter, Facebook page

MyHISTORICLA

Be a part of SurveyLA and tell us about places of architectural, historical, social, and cultural significance in your neighborhood. You know your community best and we want to hear from you!

MOST ACTIVE IDEAS

- » The Pickford Fairbanks Studio (Currently The LOT)
- » The Anna Zacsek Compound - The History of Sunset Boulevard
- » Escalon Drive -Encino
- » The Historic Mazatlan Theatre in El Sereno

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Welcome Message from Ken Bernstein

View this short introduction video from Ken Bernstein, Manager of the Office of Historic Resources, for an overview of how you can get involved and submit your favorite LA historic places.

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PROJECT DETAILS

- » About the Project
- » Who's Listening?



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FEATURED TOPIC [Idea Submission](#)



What places are important to the history of Asian Americans in Los Angeles?

We're looking for places that help to tell the story of how people of Asian descent have shaped the history of Los Angeles. From Indonesia to Siberia...

[Submit Your Place](#)

327 Days Remaining
5 Ideas Submitted

Where are the Ideas happening? See for yourself.

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TOPICS

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What is your favorite historical place in Los Angeles?

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IDEAS



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What religious sites have shaped the history of Los Angeles?

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IDEAS



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Suggest Edits

PHOTOS

SurveyLA shared a link.
August 16, 2013

There have been tons of great new historic place suggestions on myhistoricia.org recently. Thanks so much!

Highlights include:
The Loyd Sigmon Residence (includes the history of the SigAlert)
<http://www.mychistoricia.org/what-places-relate-...> See More

What places relate to the history of the automobile?
www.mychistoricia.org
MyHistoricLA
Loyd Sigmon - Patron Saint of L.A. Freeways

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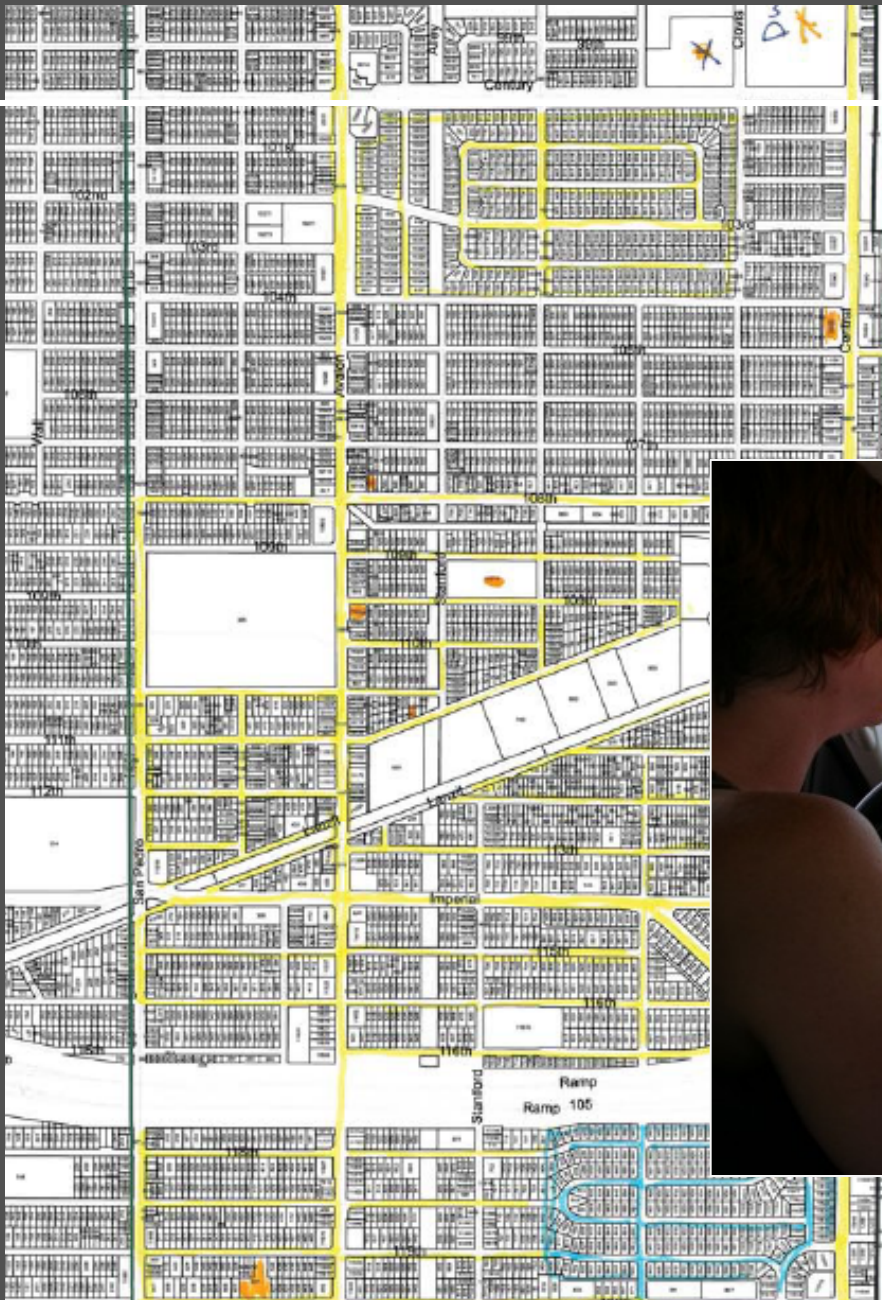
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August 16, 2013

We just posted a historic resources survey of parts of Hollywood that was done for Los Angeles' former redevelopment agency. SurveyLA's own findings for the rest of Hollywood have not been released yet.
<http://preservation.lacity.org/surveyla-field-survey-findings-and-reports#Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area>

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Conducting the Surveys




Conducting the Surveys

- Focus on recording resources that are significant
- FiGSS database maximizes field efficiencies & data management
- Reports generated directly from the data

Screen 1: OHR FiGSS Location Confirmation and Image Log

Resource details



Location details

Name:

Address: 2838 W ROWENA AVE (Primary)

Location:

Condition:

Photo description:

Primary photo

Confirm address(es). To edit the list of addresses, click the ... button next to the Address box.

If the correct address does not appear in the list then enter the correct address in the Location box.

Take a photo of the resource from the public right-of-way. If multiple photos are taken, the first photo is marked as the primary photo by default; you may select any photo as the primary photo.

For designated resources only, select the appropriate Condition of the resource from the drop down list and click Confirm to take you directly to the Evaluation screen to enter comments and recommendations.

The Source data table allows you to

Source data

Comments	Significance	Data source	Surveyed	Year built	Year built description	Style	Architect	Builder	Common name	Historic name
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HRG 9/94 REPORT, APPENDIX-8		HRI		0						FIRE STATION

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Citywide Historic Context Statement

- Uses the National Register Multiple Property Documentation approach
- Nine Contexts (over 200 themes and sub-themes)
- Addresses resources dating from 1850 to 1980
- Preloaded into the FiGSS



Citywide Historic Context Statement

- Spanish & Mexican Colonial Era Settlement, 1781-1849
- Pre-Annexation Communities of Los Angeles, 1850-1932
- Residential Development & Suburbanization, 1875-1980
- Commercial Development, 1850-1980
- Government & Private Institutional Development, 1850-1980
- Industrial Development, 1850-1980
- Entertainment Industry, 1908-1980
- Architecture & Engineering, 1850-1980
- Cultural Landscapes, 1850-1980
- Other

Survey_OHR - ArcMap - ArcView

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- Post 1980
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- OHR Research
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- CRA Project Areas
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4157 S FIGUEROA ST

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Condition:

Photo description:

Primary photo

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Architecture		Gebhard and Winter		1930	c. 1930		
	LADOP 1995 SURVEY;GEBHARD & WINTER 1985	J&S		1930	1930	Fantasy Art Deco/Dutch Windmill	

Screen 4: ONK FIGSS Context, Theme and Property Type

Confirmed information


Address	<input type="text" value="4153 S FIGUEROA ST"/>	Key info	<input type="text"/>
Location	<input type="text"/>	Architect	<input type="text"/>
Year built	<input type="text" value="1930"/>	Builder	<input type="text"/>
Original owner	<input type="text"/>		

Details

Key year	<input type="text" value="1930"/>	to	<input type="text"/>
Context	<input type="text" value="Architecture and Engineering, 1850-1980"/>		
Sub-Context	<input type="text" value="L.A. Modernism, 1919-1980"/>		
Theme	<input type="text" value="Related Responses to Modernism, 1926-1970"/>		
Sub-Theme	<input type="text" value="Art Deco, 1926-1939"/>		
Property type	<input type="text" value="Commercial"/>		
Property sub-type	<input type="text" value="No Sub-Type"/>		

Additional information

Geo location	<input type="text" value="Sparsely citywide, with concentrations in Hollywood, Downtown, Mid-City and the Wilshire corridor"/>		
Area of significance	<input type="text" value="Architecture"/>		
Criteria	<input type="text" value="C/3/3"/>	Period of significance	<input type="text" value="1926 - 1939"/>

 [View Resource](#)

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Screen 7: OHR FIGSS Evaluation

Confirmed information

Address: 4153 S FIGUEROA ST

Location: [Empty]

Evaluation

	NRHP	CRHR	LA
Surveyor recommendation	35	3CS	5S3

Reasons

Rare example of an Art Deco Van de Kamps retail building. One of very few remaining in the city. Exhibits high quality of design through distinctive features.

General comments

[Empty]

Research

[Empty]

Enter Surveyor recommendation(s) that apply. Reasons must be specified.

Include any information not covered during the field evaluation in the General comments box.

If applicable, indicate any research needed by clicking on the ... button and selecting from the list and/or by entering free text into the text box.

Click Add CTP to return to the CTP screen and evaluate the resource within another CTP combination.

Click Finish to complete the evaluation.

Click Cancel to cancel the evaluation.

Click the View Resource button to review or edit information recorded on this resource.

View Resource Add CTP Finish Cancel

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ARCHITECT-DESIGNED MODERN RESIDENCES



John Lautner, 1961



R M Schindler, 1952



Richard Neutra, 1935



Lloyd Wright, 1967



Richard Neutra, 1950

HILLSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE



Retaining walls

High Tower elevator

Public stairways

SPANISH COLONIAL REVIVAL NEIGHBORHOODS



STREETCAR COMMERCIAL STRIPS



GARDEN APARTMENT COMPLEXES



Dorset Village
1941



Chesapeake Rodeo Apartments, 1951



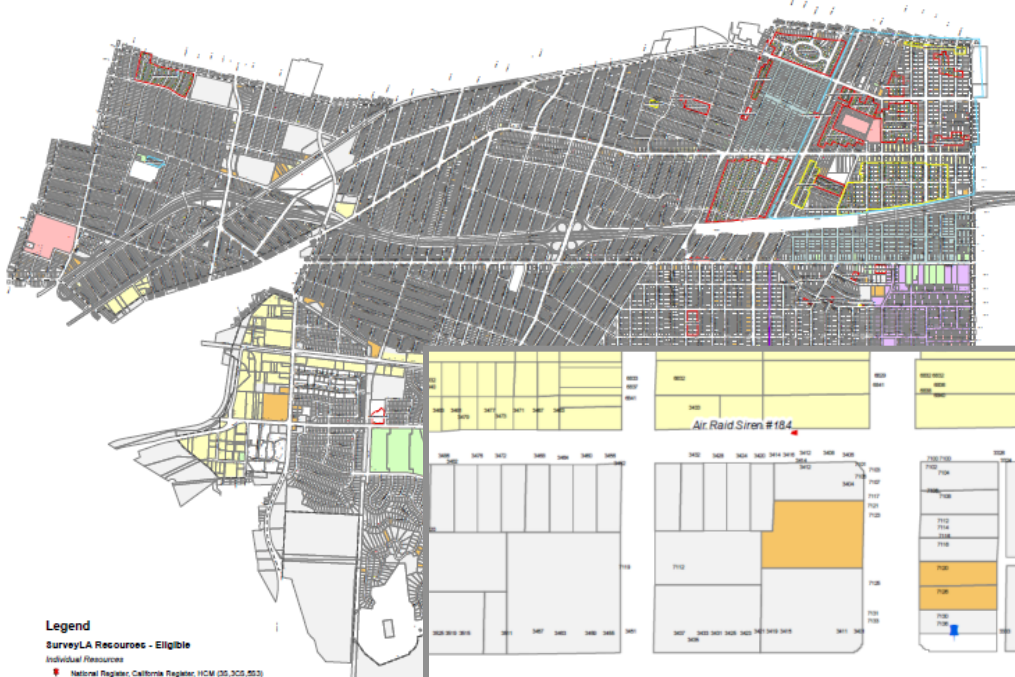
Gloria Homes, 1948

CRENSHAW SEINAN HISTORIC DISTRICT



West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Area

SurveyLA Survey Results - September 2012



Legend

- SurveyLA Resources - Eligible**
- Individual Resources**
- National Register, California Register, HCM (35, 305, 553)
 - California Register, HCM (305, 553)
 - HCM (553)
 - Needs Additional Analysis (OAG)
- Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources**
- National Register, California Register, HCM (35, 305, 553)
 - California Register, HCM (305, 553)
 - Planning District (PLD)
- District Contributions**
- Yes
 - No
 - Maybe
- Non-Parcel Resources**
- National Register, California Register, HCM (35, 305, 553)
 - Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ)
- SurveyLA Resources - Not Eligible**
- Included in SurveyLA - Not Evaluated (790)
 - Evaluated For SurveyLA - Does Not Meet Eligibility Standards (790)
 - Evaluated For SurveyLA - Not Significant (82)
- Pre-Load Data**
- Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM)
 - National & California Register Properties & Districts
 - Historic Preservation Overlay Zone
 - Potential Historic Preservation Overlay Zone
 - Community Redevelopment Agency Surveyed Areas (CRA)
 - Industrial Zoned Parcels
 - Post-1980 Construction Data



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INTEGRATING SURVEY FINDINGS INTO PLANNING PROCESSES

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Community Plan Area	Hollywood
Area Planning Commission	Central
Neighborhood Council	Los Feliz
Council District	CD 4 - Tom LaBonge
Census Tract #	1892.02
LADBS District Office	Los Angeles Metro
Building Permit Info	View

▼ Planning and Zoning

Special Notes	None
Zoning	R2-1XL
Zoning Information (ZI)	ZI-2436 Preliminary Hollywood Fault Study Area
General Plan Land Use	Low Medium I Residential
General Plan Footnote(s)	Yes
Hillside Area (Zoning Code)	No
Baseline Hillside Ordinance	No
Baseline Mansionization Ordinance	No
Specific Plan Area	None
Historic Preservation Review	No
POD - Pedestrian Oriented Districts	None
CDO - Community Design Overlay	None
NSO - Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay	No
Streetscape	No
Sign District	No
Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area	None
CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency	None
Central City Parking	No
Downtown Parking	No
Building Line	None
500 Ft School Zone	No
500 Ft Park Zone	No

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Trashigang Dzong, Bhutan

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- ▶ **SAVE THE DATE:** Arches Information Session at EuroMed 2014, Cyprus, on November 6th *July 16, 2014*
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- Designation And Protection**
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- Historical Event**
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- Investigation**
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- Management**
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KEY ISSUES

- Identifying the best use of Pilot funds
- Developing a context-driven survey
- Defining and prioritizing survey areas
- Fostering ongoing public support
- Identifying ways to use and integrate existing survey data