

Community Strategies in Gentrifying Neighborhoods

A Little Tokyo, Los Angeles Perspective

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Little Tokyo

a 130-year old Los Angeles
neighborhood





LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER

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**WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION**

Presidio of San Francisco, California

May 3, 1942

**INSTRUCTIONS
TO ALL PERSONS OF
JAPANESE
ANCESTRY**

Living in the Following Area:

All of the persons of the City of Los Angeles, State of California, within that boundary beginning at the point at which North Figueroa Street meets a line following the middle of the Los Angeles River, thence westerly and following the said line to East First Street, thence westerly on East First Street to Alameda Street, thence northerly on Alameda Street to East Third Street, thence northerly on East Third Street to Main Street, thence northerly at Main Street to First Street, thence northerly on First Street to Figueroa Street, thence northerly on Figueroa Street to the point of beginning.

Pursuant to the provisions of Civilian Exclusion Order No. 33, this Headquarters, dated May 3, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon, P. M. T., Saturday, May 9, 1942.

No Japanese person living in the above area will be permitted to change residence after 12 o'clock noon, P. M. T., Sunday, May 3, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the representative of the Commanding General, Southern California Sector, at the Civil Control Station located at:

Japanese Union Church,
128 North San Pedro Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Such permits will only be granted for the purpose of visiting members of a family, or in cases of grave emergency. The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
2. Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, safe storage or other disposition of most kinds of property, such as real estate, business and professional equipment, household goods, boats, automobiles and livestock.
3. Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
4. Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

The Following Instructions Must Be Observed

1. A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 10:00 A. M. and 1:00 P. M. on Monday, May 4, 1942, or between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Tuesday, May 5, 1942.

2. Evacuees must carry with them on departure for the Assembly Center, the following property:

- (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress) for each member of the family;
- (b) Toilet articles for each member of the family;
- (c) Extra clothing for each member of the family.







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First Street Historic Corridor

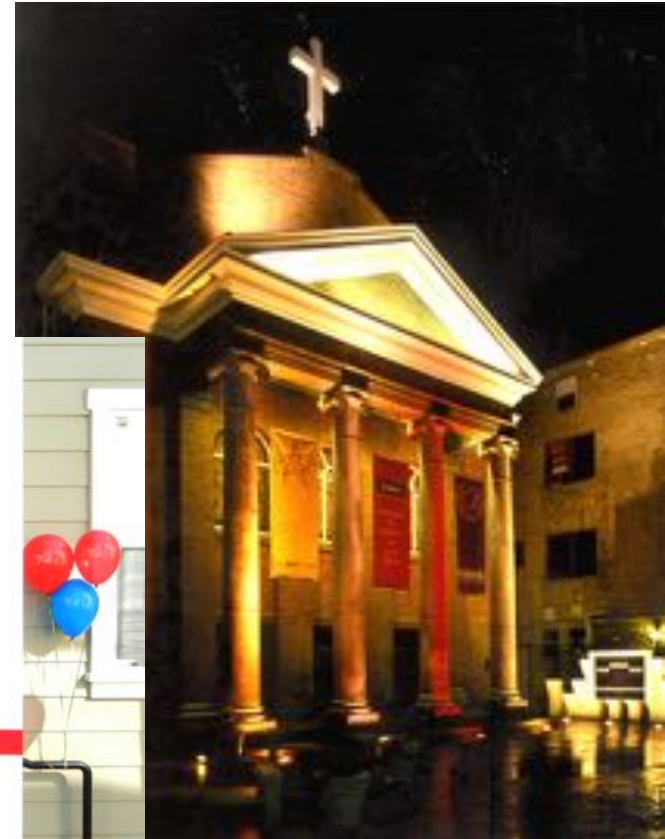
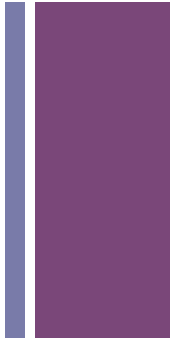


+ Community Organizing & Planning

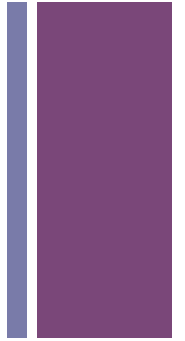




Neighborhood-Based Real Estate Development



+ Metro Regional
Connector Advocacy



+ Sustainable Little Tokyo



What is a *cultural ecodistrict*?



- EcoDistrict: neighborhood working together on waste, energy, water, transportation to further environmental sustainability.
- Our idea of a Cultural EcoDistrict **expands** this definition of sustainability to encompass the following three areas:

- **CULTURAL**
- **ECONOMIC**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL**





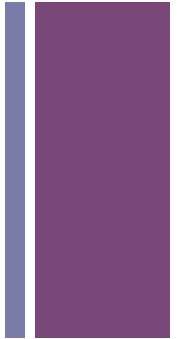
COMMUNITY VISION DESIGN

UNIQUE LITTLE TOKYO IDENTITY

MOBILITY AND LINKAGES



+ Creative Placemaking







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TRANSIT FOR ALL

ACHIEVING EQUITY IN TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT





