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
a community development corporation
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INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

Living in the Following Area:

All persons of Japanese ancestry who live within the area bounded by the streets of First Street, Figne Street, and Chief Street, in San Francisco, California, are required to leave their residences and to report to the Civil Control Station located at the corner of First Street and Figne Street.

Such persons will only be granted the opportunity to return to their homes and to assist in the evacuation of their families.

The following instructions must be observed:

1. All persons of Japanese ancestry, regardless of age, will be required to leave their homes and to report to the Civil Control Station.
2. All personal effects, including clothing, jewelry, and household items, will be confiscated by the authorities.
3. All persons will be provided with transportation to the Civil Control Station.
4. All persons will be given a temporary residence permit for all Japanese family groups.
5. All persons will be required to report to the Civil Control Station at the hour designated for their family group.

The evacuation order will be in effect immediately.

Many thanks for your patronage. Hope to serve you in the future. God be with you till we meet again.

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First Street Historic Corridor

1937: Mean Fish moves here
1946: Granada Market

[Images of historical streets and buildings]
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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
Creative Placemaking
Coalitions