

## Summary of Discovery Workshops

### Discovery Workshop 1: Summary of comments by community members

- There are not enough activities and programs for youth and senior citizens
- There is a sense of community and pride in having a predominantly single family housing community
- East LA is much safer than is perceived
- There is a concern with having multiple units on single leads to overcrowding and parking problems
- Reinforce the cultural/historic resources already in place, i.e. the arts school near 3<sup>rd</sup> and Indiana and Self-Help Graphics on Cesar Chavez
- The community supports the local restaurants and shops but there is a need to greater variety, better quality products, and better maintenance of businesses
- Most residents go to neighboring cities like Montebello or Commerce to do shopping
- There is a need to extended service of local transportation i.e. El Sol bus line to connect to Gold Line

### Discovery Workshop 2: Summary of comments by community members

- Cultural identity, diversity of Mexican and South American heritages, and language are great sources of community pride and need to be more visible
- There is a great sense of family in the community
- Parks are highly used but inadequate with minimal equipment like BBQ pits
- Sidewalks are very narrow
- Civic Center on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is a great example of what the community loves because of the variety of things to do there
- The mix of immigrant and multi-generational families need to be supported
- Housing options for low income families are highly needed
- There is no need for more bars and liquor stores
- Many schools are fenced in and are inaccessible after hours. Cal State LA is a campus where you can take your family on the weekend

### Discovery Workshop 3: Summary of comments by community members

- A large shopping center that has quality products and greater variety is needed. Shopping is done in neighboring cities like Montebello and Monterey Park
- Overcrowding of the community is leading to parking problems and unsanitary conditions
- Schools should act as community centers in the summer to provide programs and activities for youth. There is also a need for businesses that cater to youth activities like a bowling alley or theater
- Using bus lines other than El Sol is not economically feasible to many in the community with large families
- Housing options for low income families are highly needed
- Better street lighting, libraries, museums, adequate street trees for shade and jobs would be a great benefit to the community

### Discovery Workshop 4: Summary of comments by community members

- There is a great sense of community pride in the historical richness and traditions in East LA. This includes education, music, murals, cultural centers like Self-Help Graphics, community leaders, youth movements, local entrepreneurship, & home ownership to name a few. There is a need to have more establishments of adequate size to house some of these community resources
- There is a need to incentives to have quality retailers come to East LA
- More parking garages are needed to accommodate Whittier Blvd. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- There is a need for businesses that cater to youth activities like a community pool, theater or bowling alley
- There is a need for accountability and enforcement of regulations regarding salvage or yard sales on front lawns
- There is a potential to have 1<sup>st</sup> Street be a neighborhood entertainment center
- Alleys need to be rethought and maintained. Streetscape improvements are also needed to reinforce safety and walkability like lighting, wider sidewalks and shade trees