

Altadena African American Historic Context Statement and Survey

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Introduction - Project Selection

Why was this project selected by the County?

- Supports the County's effort to create a more equitable society by identifying valuable contributions by the County's diverse communities; and
- Completes one development theme of a broader Altadena survey that DRP hopes to work on in the future.

Introduction - Project Goals

- Bring awareness to Altadena's valuable African-American history;
- Identify African-American historic resources so that they can be potentially preserved through the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance;
- Inform policy for land development plans; and
- Contribute information for any future Countywide African-American historical context statement and/or survey.

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Project Overview

- A Historic Context statement focuses on describing development patterns within which historical resources can be understood
- A Historic Context Statement helps a community understand:
 - **what** aspects of geography, history, and culture significantly shaped the physical development of a community
 - **why** those development patterns were important
 - **what** characteristics an identified resource should reflect in order to be considered an important representation of that development

Project Overview

- A Historic Resources Survey is a way to identify, record, and evaluate historic properties within a community, neighborhood, or region based on a historic context statement
- A survey provides information to make informed planning decisions and prioritize preservation goals

Criteria for Evaluation

- National Register of Historic Places
- California Register of Historical Resources
- Los Angeles County Historic Landmarks

Criteria A/1/1

- *is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history of the nation, State, County, or community in which it is located*

Criteria B/2/2

- *is associated with the lives of persons who are significant in the history of the nation, State, County, or community in which it is located*

Project Process

1. Complete desktop and archival research, oral histories, and data analysis to inform a historic context statement
2. Complete a reconnaissance survey to identify potential resources
3. Present Final Survey Report to the County Historic Landmarks Commission and the public in the fall

Historic Context Themes

The historic context statement has been divided into four themes:

- *General History of LA County and Altadena*
- *Residential Development*
- *Commercial and Institutional Development*
- *The Arts and Community Members*

1. General History

- General History of Los Angeles County and Altadena
- Broader events and patterns within the region/County

2. Residential Development

- Early African American Neighborhood Development
- Redlining, Segregation, and Racial Covenants
- White Flight and Post WWII Residential Development

3. Commercial and Institutional Development

- Early Commercial Development
- Prominent African American Business Owners and Legacy Businesses
- African American Churches
- Desegregation of PUSD

4. The Arts and Community Members

- Local Artist
- Prominent Community Leaders

How to Participate

1. *Do you have information pertaining to the general history of Altadena?*
2. *Do you have information on early neighborhoods, early residents, or deed restrictions and racial covenants?*
3. *Do you have information on prominent businesses, community groups, or institutions (schools, churches, etc.)?*
4. *Do you have information on prominent community members or leaders?*

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