

East San Gabriel Valley Historic Context Statement

San Angelo Park
October 5, 2024



Welcome!

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Introductions

- LA County Planning
- Sapphos Environmental Inc.

What is the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (ESGVAP)?

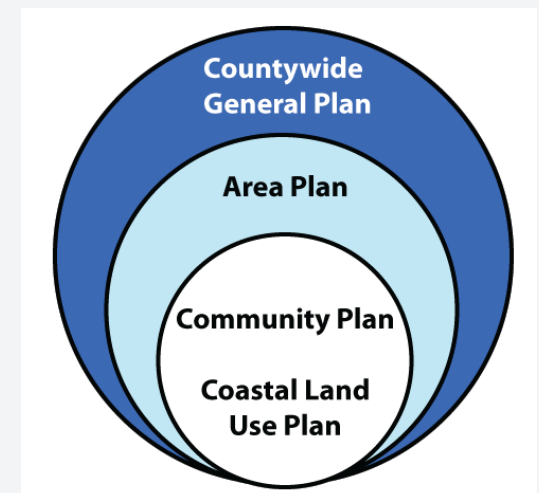
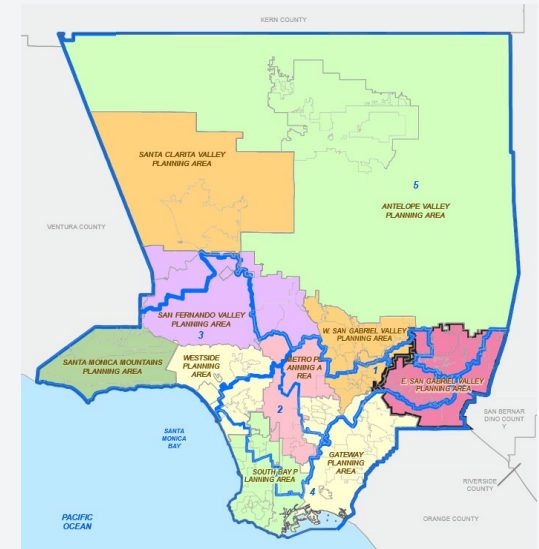
LA County General Plan

- Lays out values and vision countywide for healthy, livable, and sustainable communities.
- Established the Planning Areas Framework.

East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2024

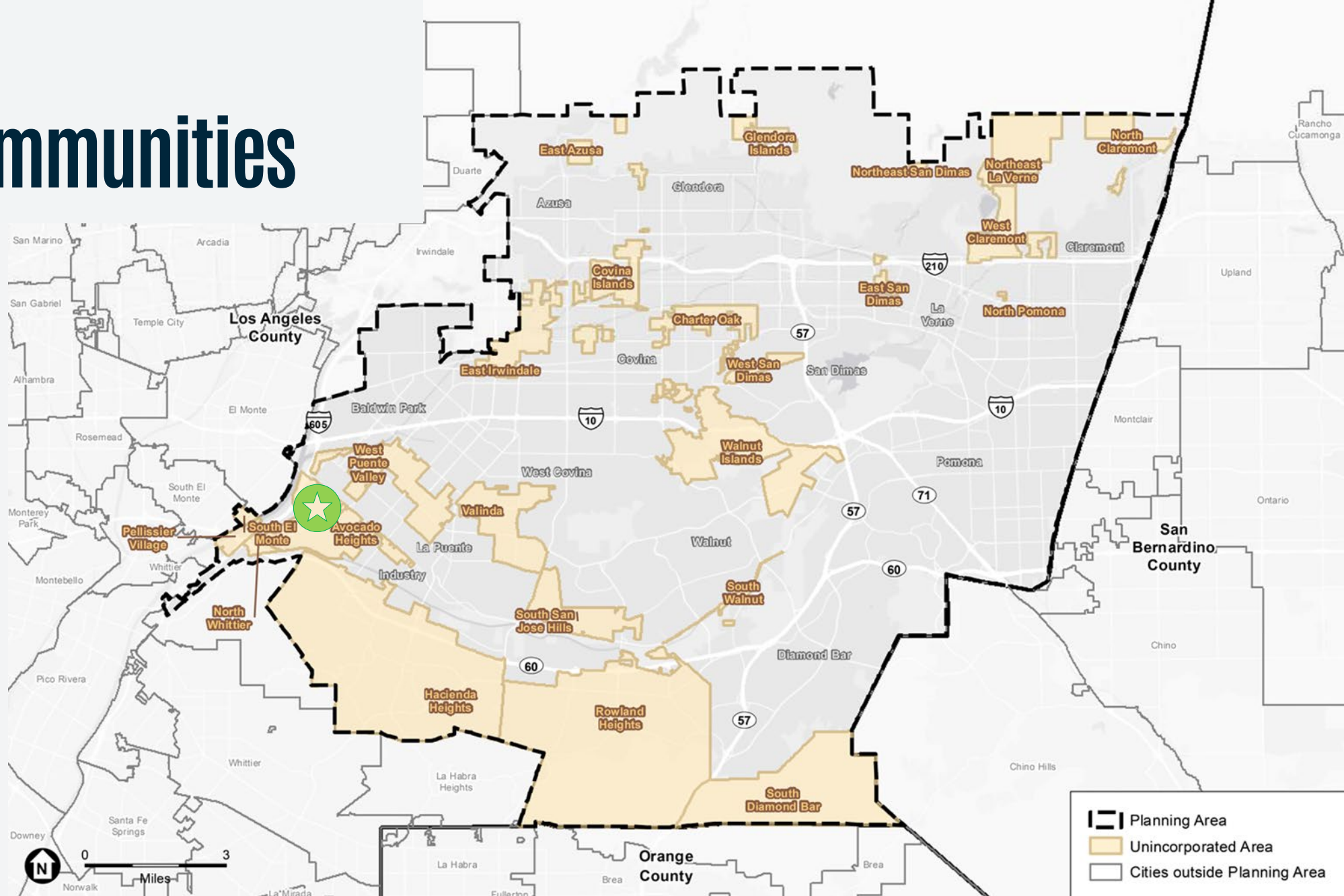
- Builds on General Plan goals, priorities, and programs at a local scale for housing, jobs, and services.



What is an Area Plan?

- Land Use Planning Policy Document
- Lays out a vision for the future
- Guides growth and development
- Consists of areawide elements and community specific topics and implementation actions (e.g., HCS)
- Maps land use intentions (Land Use Policy)
- Reference document for community stakeholders, e.g., regulators, planners, developers, property owners, businesses, interest groups

ESGVAP Communities



24 Unincorporated Communities within the Planning Area

Avocado Heights
Charter Oak
Covina Islands
East Azusa
East Irwindale
East San Dimas
Glendora Islands
Hacienda Heights

North Claremont
North Pomona
Northeast La Verne
Northeast San Dimas
Rowland Heights
South Diamond Bar
South San Jose Hills
South Walnut

Valinda
Walnut Islands
West Claremont
West Puente Valley
West San Dimas
Pellissier Village
Unincorporated South El Monte
Unincorporated North Whittier

The Planning Area is located in the easternmost portion of the County, and totals approximately 32,826 acres (or 51.29 square miles).

Activity 1

Activity 1 - “Memory Icebreaker”

Write down your favorite memory growing up. The memory should be related to a favorite place growing up.

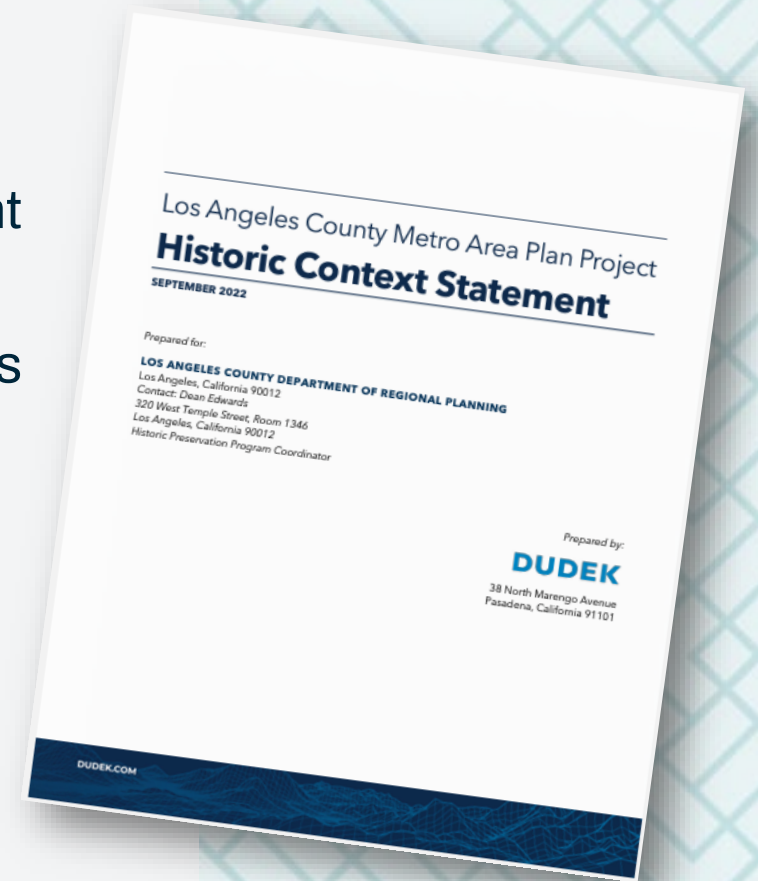
Historic Context Statement

What is a Historic Context Statement (HCS)?

- Is a planning document that outlines the historical background and significance of a specific community
- Is *not* a definitive or comprehensive community history, but does identify important themes relevant to the history and development of the built environment
- Provides an analytical framework for evaluating historic resources
- Establishes periods of significance for these themes and their associated property types

Example: Theme: Chicano Civil Rights Movement (1960-1979)

Property Types: public art pieces, residences, routes



HCS Purpose

- Ultimately, to honor and preserve the history of the East SGV
- Provides the background information (the first step) **for future historic resources surveys**, which **identify specific resources for protection**
- Provides the foundation for future research
- Develop a study list of potential historic resources

East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Historic Preservation Action

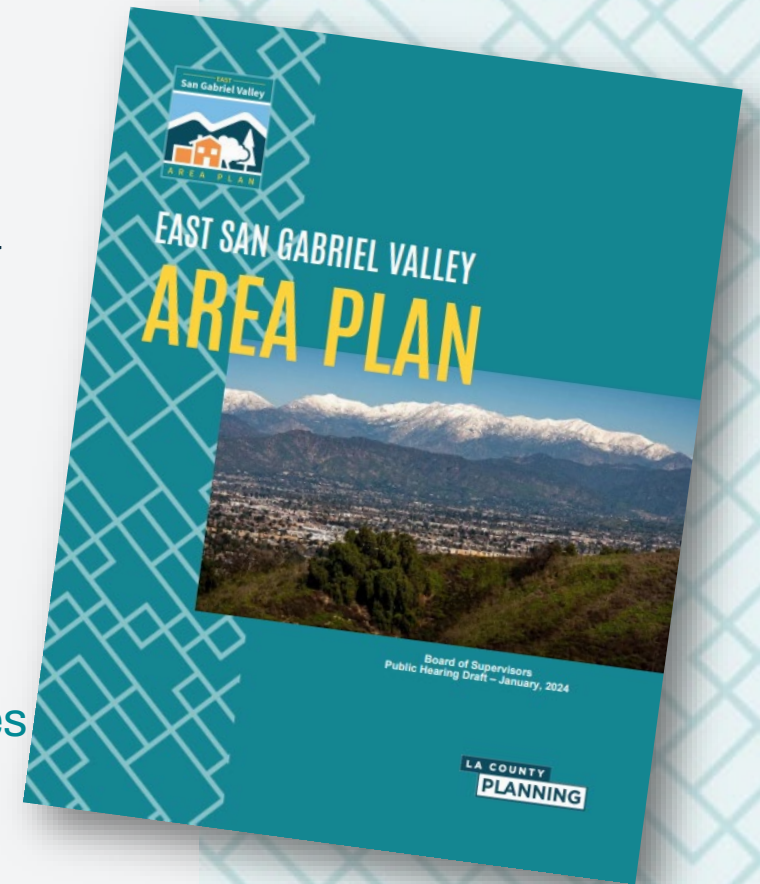
Vision Statement IV – Shared Community Identity and Character

4.1 Placemaking and Beautification Strategy

In consultation with stakeholders and residents, design and implement a Placemaking and Beautification Plan that adds or improves infrastructure...

...Specific actions in the Placemaking and Beautification Plan may include:

- Collaborate with local historical groups to create an inventory of historic sites and structures in ESGV. Identify and secure funding to repair and restore these sites, if desired. Install multilingual markers and educational signage in identified historic sites and in public spaces in ESGV to showcase the history and character of the community.



**What counts as a
*historic landmark?***

County Landmark Eligibility

A **structure, site, object, tree, landscape, or natural land feature** may be designated as a County landmark if it is **50** years of age or older and satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

- Association with historic events or activities
- Association with important persons
- Distinctive design or physical characteristics
- Potential to provide important information about prehistory or history
- Determined eligible or is listed in the National or CA Register
- If it is a tree, it is one of the largest or oldest tree species in the County
- If it is a landscape or natural land feature, it is associated with historic events, activities, or people



Photographed by Craig Baker, December 16, 2018
Acton Community Presbyterian Church

County Historic District Eligibility

A **geographic area** may be designated as a County historic district if it is **50 years of age or older** and

- Exhibits a concentration of historic or scenic sites containing common character-defining features, which contribute to each other and are unified aesthetically by plan, physical development, or architectural quality; or
- Exhibits significant geographical patterns, associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive examples of parks or community planning.

More than 50 percent of the property owners must consent to designation.



Activity 2

Activity 2 - Then and Now photo game

The next slide will have a historical photo of a place in the community.

Guess where it is!



where is this?

La Casa Nueva, Homestead Museum





where is this?

Lomitas Ave/3rd Ave





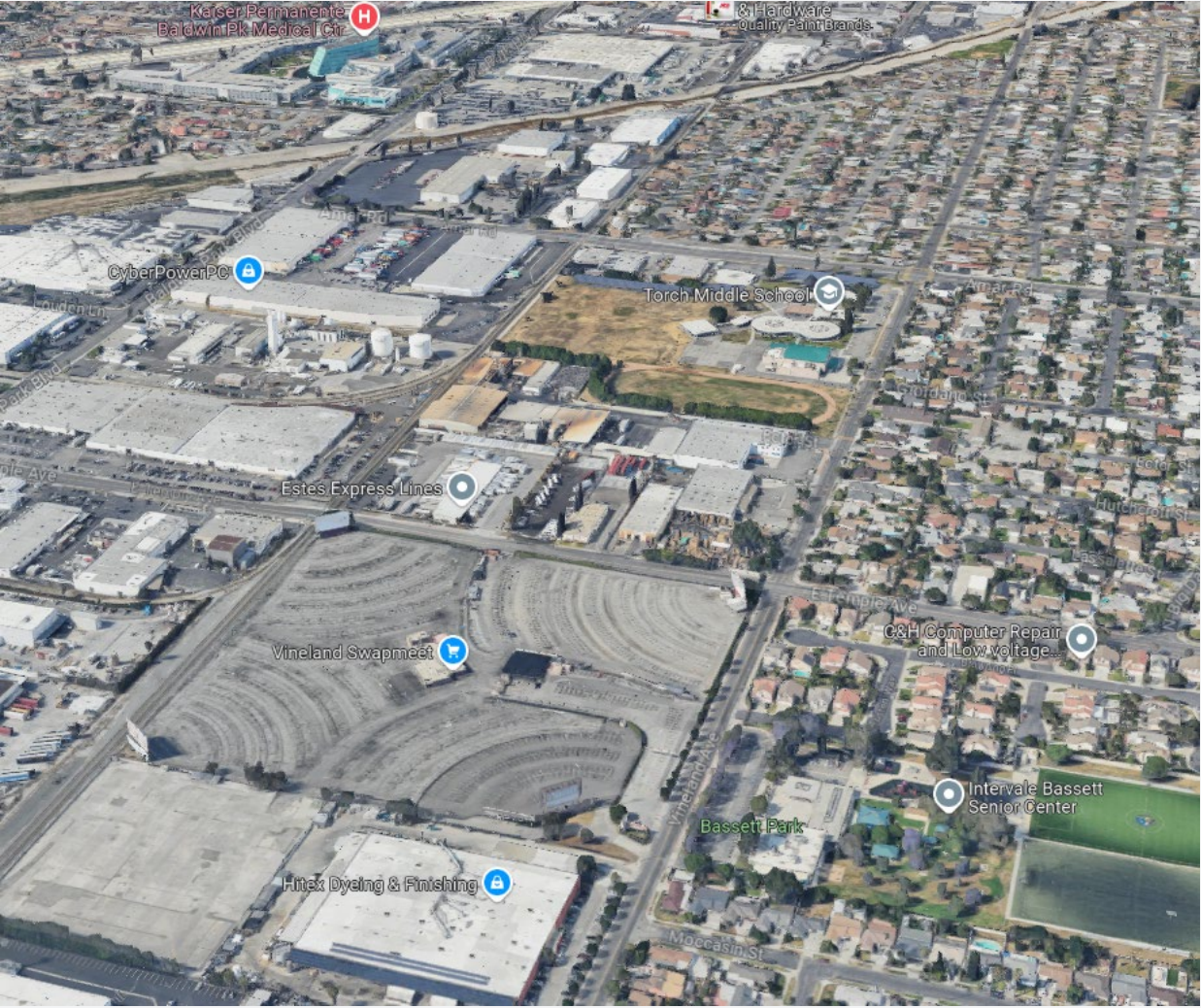
The Tower - Avocado Heights - 1955



where is this?

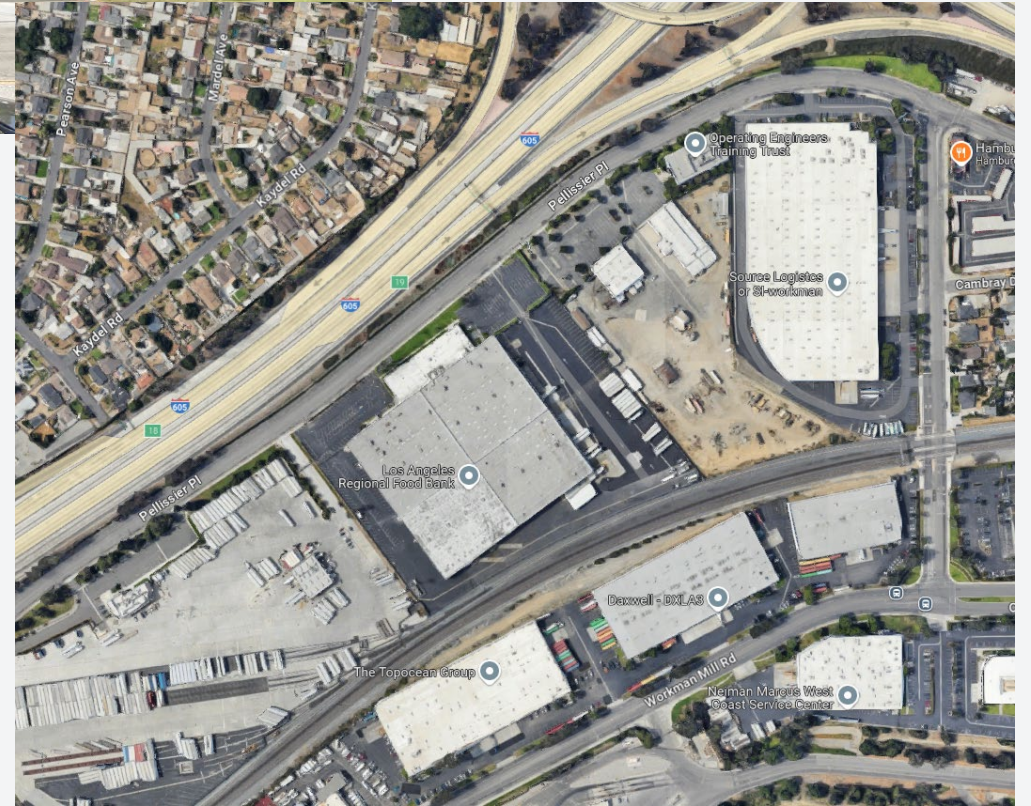


Vineland Swap Meet



where is this?





Pellissier Dairy Farms

Agricultural Development



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Commercial Development



Ethnic-Cultural Development



Activity 3

Activity 3 - Mapping Avocado Heights' History

Help us discover places and bits of history that make your community unique. Mark locations on the map that you believe are historically significant.

Think commercial development, architecture, family history, ethnic and cultural history, equestrian history, various industries, institutions, eras like the '60s and pre-WWII, the railroad, Route 66...

HCS Timeline

Timeline and Process



- **Now** – desktop review and background research
- **Now** – community meeting to introduce project, receive input
- **November 2024** – reconnaissance survey
- **February 2025** (tentative) – draft HCS available for public review
- **February 2025** (tentative) – community meeting to present draft HCS
- **April 2024** (tentative) – presentation to the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission (HLRC) for feedback; hearing
- **May/June 2025** – finalize HCS

Community Involvement - we need your insight!

- Note cards, maps, and comment cards!
- If you would like to contribute any information about the following subjects regarding the history of your community, please contact us at commplan@planning.lacounty.gov or use our form at planning.lacounty.gov/esgvaphcs
 - Buildings, structures, sites or areas worthy of historic preservation
 - Events or people important to community history
 - Issues important to community history
- **Feedback due November 11, 2024**

Thank you! Questions?

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