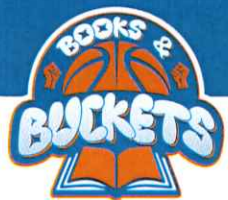


Analysis of the Washington Neighborhood Community Center

Feedback Session





State of the Washington Neighborhood



Population: 8,966

Over 65: 4.2%

Youth (5-24): 34.7%

Children (0-5): 10% Adult 24-64: 51.1%



High School Graduates (18 years or over): 67%



Latino: 78% White: 5%

Black: 12% AAPI/Other: 5%



In 2020, 42% increase in aggravated assaults.



91.6% renters. Rents increased 13% over 10 years.
High displacement rate.



Washington Middle School Renovation: 180 million



New housing developments from Habitat for Humanity and Century Housing

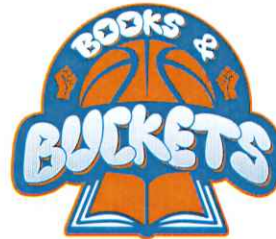
Assets in the Washington Neighborhood



Latinos in Action
California



Washington
Neighborhood
Association



Books & Buckets



The Guidance
Center



Washington
Middle School



Washington Historic
Association



Long Beach
Day Nursery



Habitat for
Humanity



Long Beach
Rescue Mission



Arts Council for
Long Beach



**New
Additions**

**to the
Washington
Neighborhood**

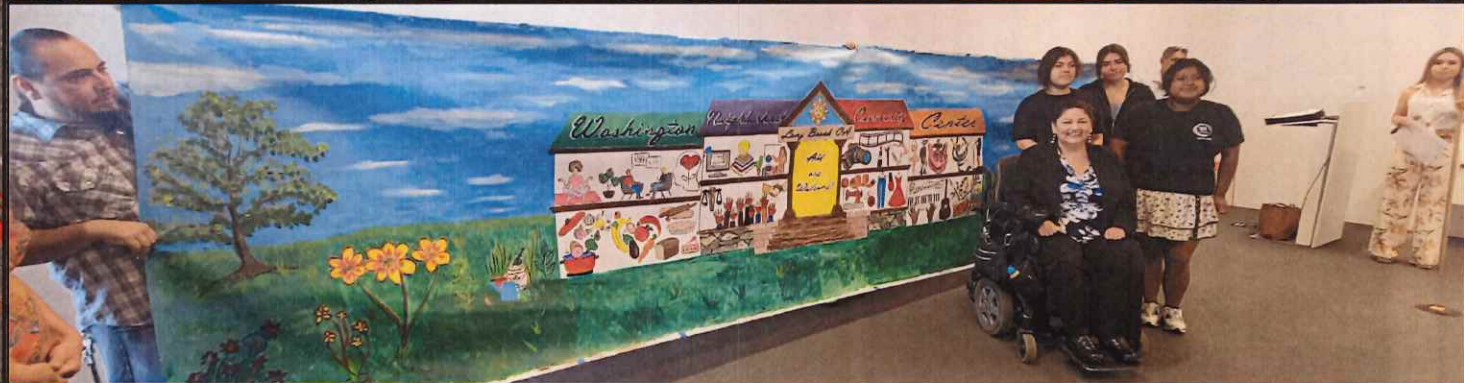


History of the Community Center Campaign

The work to bring a community center into the Washington Neighborhood has been existing for a couple of years.

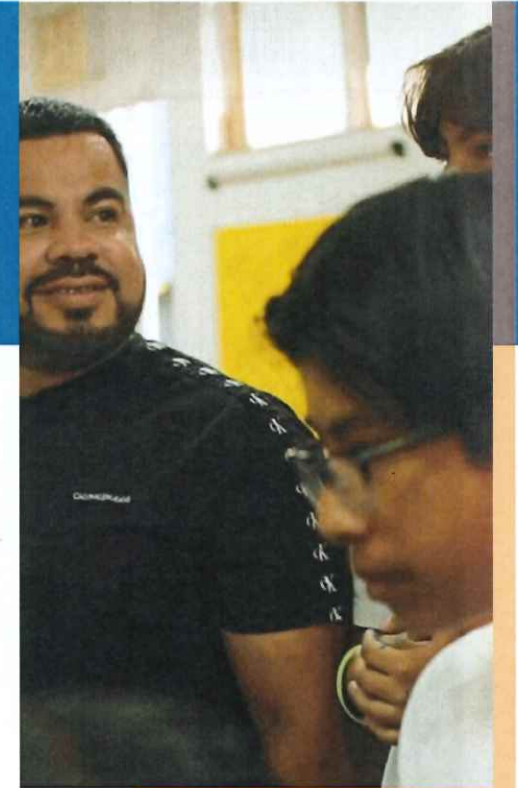
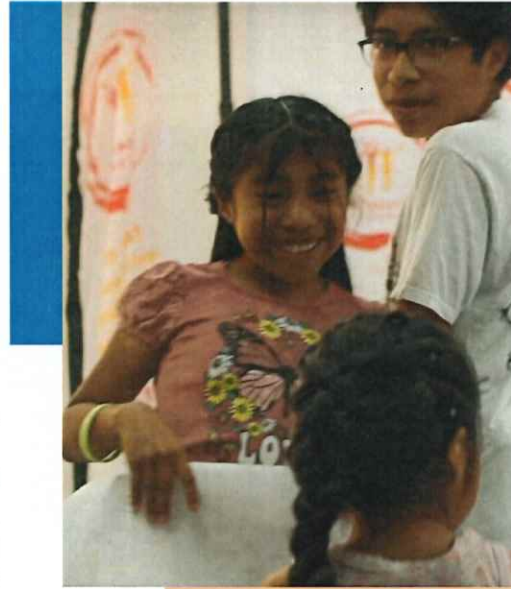
- Started in 2016 with Latinos in Action California.
- Hosted a community meeting in 2021.
- 411 petition signatures collected.
- Latinos in Action California youth leaders envisioned a local community center and painted a banner
- Mayor Rex Richardson and Councilwomen Mary Zendejas attended the Youth Leadership Graduation where youth presented.





Engagement

Approximately 40 attendees provided their thoughts and ideas on three feedback categories. Attendees ranged from children as young as six years of age to senior citizens and encompassed a range of ethnicities. The feedback collected is meant to serve as a guide for the future Washington Neighborhood Community Center.



Visioning Exercise 1: Individual Reflection

Attendees imagined their neighbor moved away to another city and hasn't be able to visit the new Washington Neighborhood Community Center. Attendees were given a postcard to talk about the new programs, amenities, and activities hosted at the center.

¡Hola vecino de Washington!

¡Estoy emocionado de contarles sobre el nuevo Centro Comunitario y servicios en el vecindario de Washington ahora!

El Centro Comunitario es ahora muy conocido por

(Programa) & (Programa)

y su único (Programa)

El Centro Comunitario tiene las cosas que realmente necesitamos, incluyendo (Servicio)

(Servicio) (Servicio)


¡Deberías volver a visitarme! Hay tanto que hacer ya como (Actividad)

(Actividad) & (Actividad)

El Centro Comunitario es un gran lugar para (Abierto)

Te veo pronto,



(Nombre)



Centro Comunitario de Washington

1365 Long Beach Blvd

Long Beach, CA 90813

Greetings my old Washington neighbor!

I'm excited to tell you about the new Community Center and amenities in the Washington neighborhood now!

The Community Center is now really well-known for

(Program) & (Program)

and its unique (Program)

The Community Center has the things we really need, including (Amenity)

(Amenity) (Amenity)


You should come back to visit! There is so much to do now like (Activity)

(Activity) & (Activity)

The Community Center is a great place for (Open Ended)

See you soon,



(Name)



Washington Community Center

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Visioning Exercise 2: Group Discussion

Attendees broke out into groups and were given three sheets of butcher paper. Each sheet was given a title: Design, Activities, and Program. Using their postcards as idea starters, attendees shared specific design elements, activities, or programs they'd like to see in the community center.

Design

One story or two stories, conference rooms, kitchen, etc.

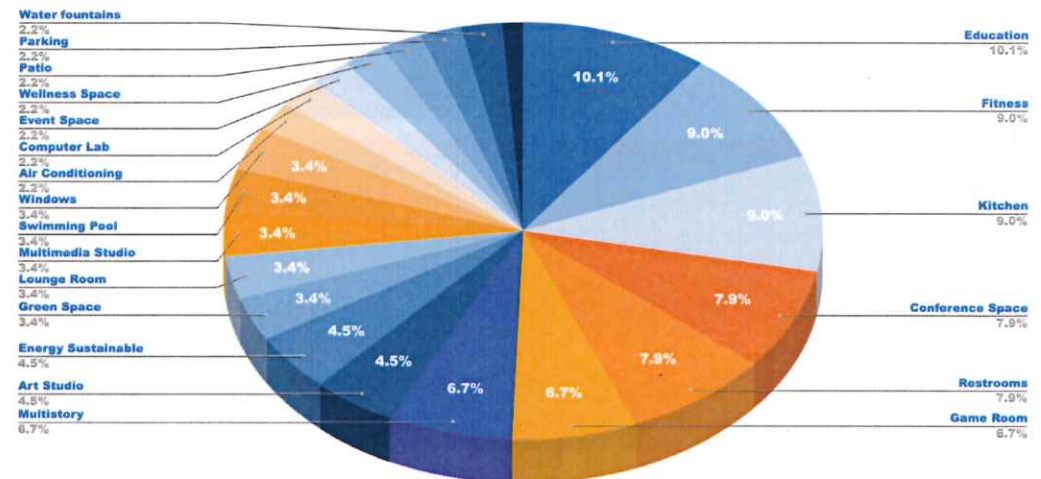
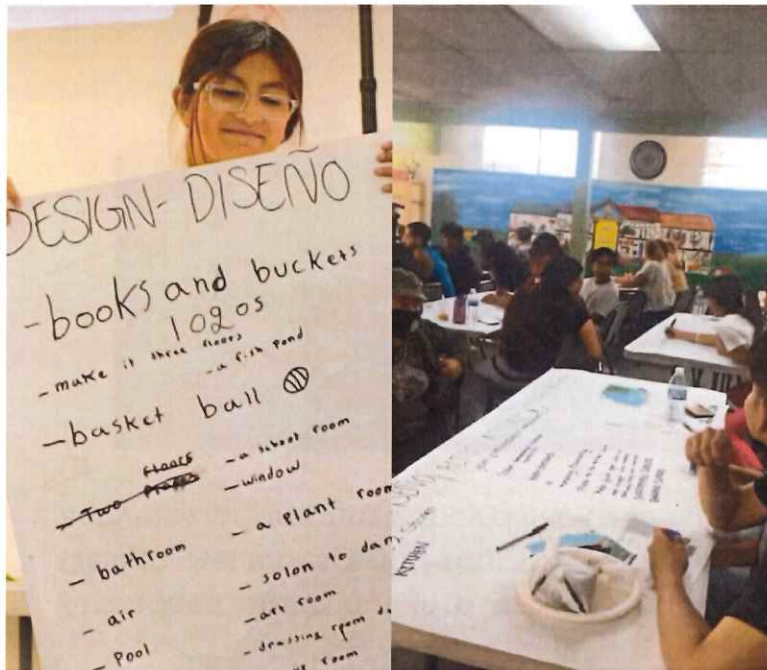
Activities

Work out classes, in-door soccer, yoga and meditation, drop-in counseling, financial workshops, etc.

Programs

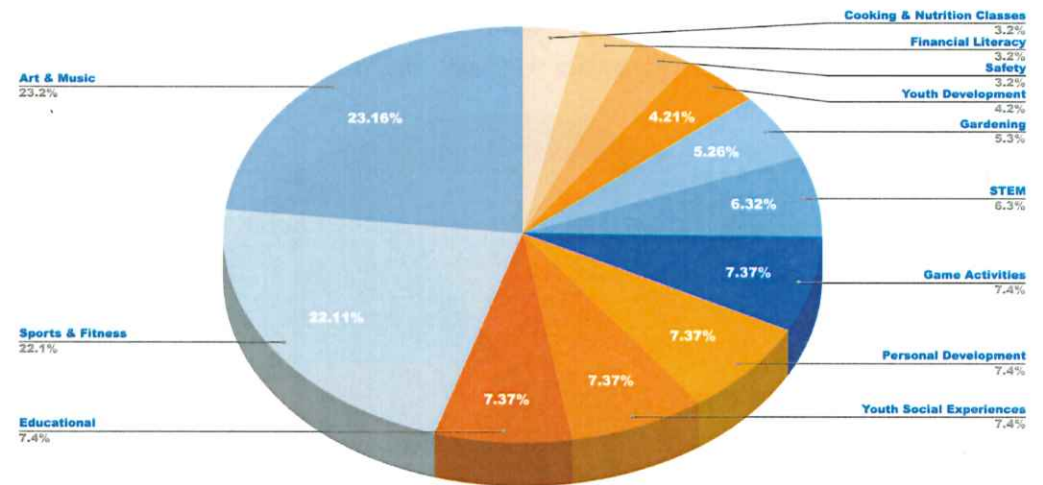
New-born parenting program, De-escalation training program, know your rights (KYR), tutoring program, etc.

Design Feedback



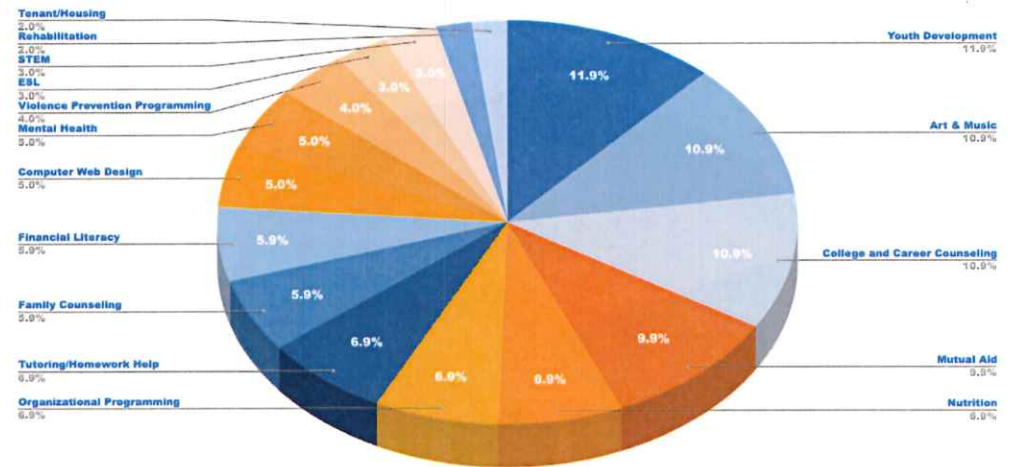
Top 10 design elements include education and fitness spaces, kitchen, conference rooms, restrooms, game rooms, multistory, art studios, energy efficient design, and green spaces.

Activities Feedback



Top 5 activities included art & music, sports & fitness, educational instruction, youth social experiences, and personal development.

Programs Feedback



Top 10 programs include youth development, art & music, college & career counseling, mutual aid, nutrition, organizational programming, tutoring/homework help, family counseling, financial literacy, and computer web design.



Community Center Examples

Little Tokyo Terasaki Budokan

Los Angeles, CA

Total Square Footage: 28,000 SF
Total Cost: \$32,000,000

The Terasaki Budokan is a community recreation center in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Little Tokyo. The facility features a gymnasium with multiple sports courts, community rooms, roof deck, and outdoor plaza. The design of the building introduces elements of Japanese culture such as samurai swords and burnt cedar planking in the facade banding. The design incorporates the use of an interior courtyard space as well, to introduce natural light and create indoor and outdoor connections with the adjacent programs. The Terasaki Budokan took nearly two decades to develop which reflects a collaborative effort to align the design with the site, usage, and community needs.



Tzu Chi Resiliency Center

Wilmington, CA

The Tzu Chi Center serves as a community and wellness hub for the Wilmington area. The clinic is a major program here, as well as its other recreational activities that happen in the central gathering space. The Tzu Chi center has also served humanitarian purposes, especially during COVID-19, with distribution of personal protective gear drives and food drives. The facility recently got designated a resiliency center by the installation of photovoltaic and battery storage system that will help the community center running in days of excessive heat and blackouts.



Abbotts Creek Community Center

Raleigh, NC

Total Square Footage: 26,000 SF

Total Cost: \$n/a

The Abbott's Creek Community Center is a LEED Silver community space located in Raleigh, North Carolina. The facility is located adjacent to a new elementary school and serves as a community hub for athletics and fitness. The program is composed of a large gymnasium space, fitness room, classrooms, and staff spaces. It's resiliency stems from water efficient fixtures and how it makes use of natural light on the north and south facades. The north and south facade are where most of the glazing is located, however, there is a large screen that protects the interior from solar gain. Its interior spaces also utilize glass to offer visual connections into the main program rooms such as fitness room and gym from the lobby spaces.



Singing Hills Recreation Center

Dallas, TX

Total Square Footage: 25,100 SF

Total Cost: \$20,000,000

The Singing Hills Recreation is a recreation and senior center in Dallas, Texas that was completed in 2020. The design of the facility is composed of a burrowed gymnasium, shared community spaces, meeting rooms, weight room, and game room. The facility utilizes a human-scale design that integrates with the surrounding landscape. Its design incorporates glazing on the facade and interior spaces to promote transparency between the public spaces allowing visual connections. Its overhangs on the facade allow for reduction in solar gain on the exterior facade promoting a more comfortable interior. Additionally, the recreation center is directly connected to the local transit system making it more accessible to the community it serves.



Potential Sites



14th and Locust



14th and Long Beach Blvd.



14th and Long Beach Blvd.



Seaside Park



14th and Locust



THANK YOU!
