

CITY OF LOS ANGELES **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS** 

# PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT

#### **INTEREST GROUP MEETING**

21 MAY 2025

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# The 2025 LA Park Needs Assessment is an initiative of The City of Los Angeles led by the Department of Recreation and Parks.





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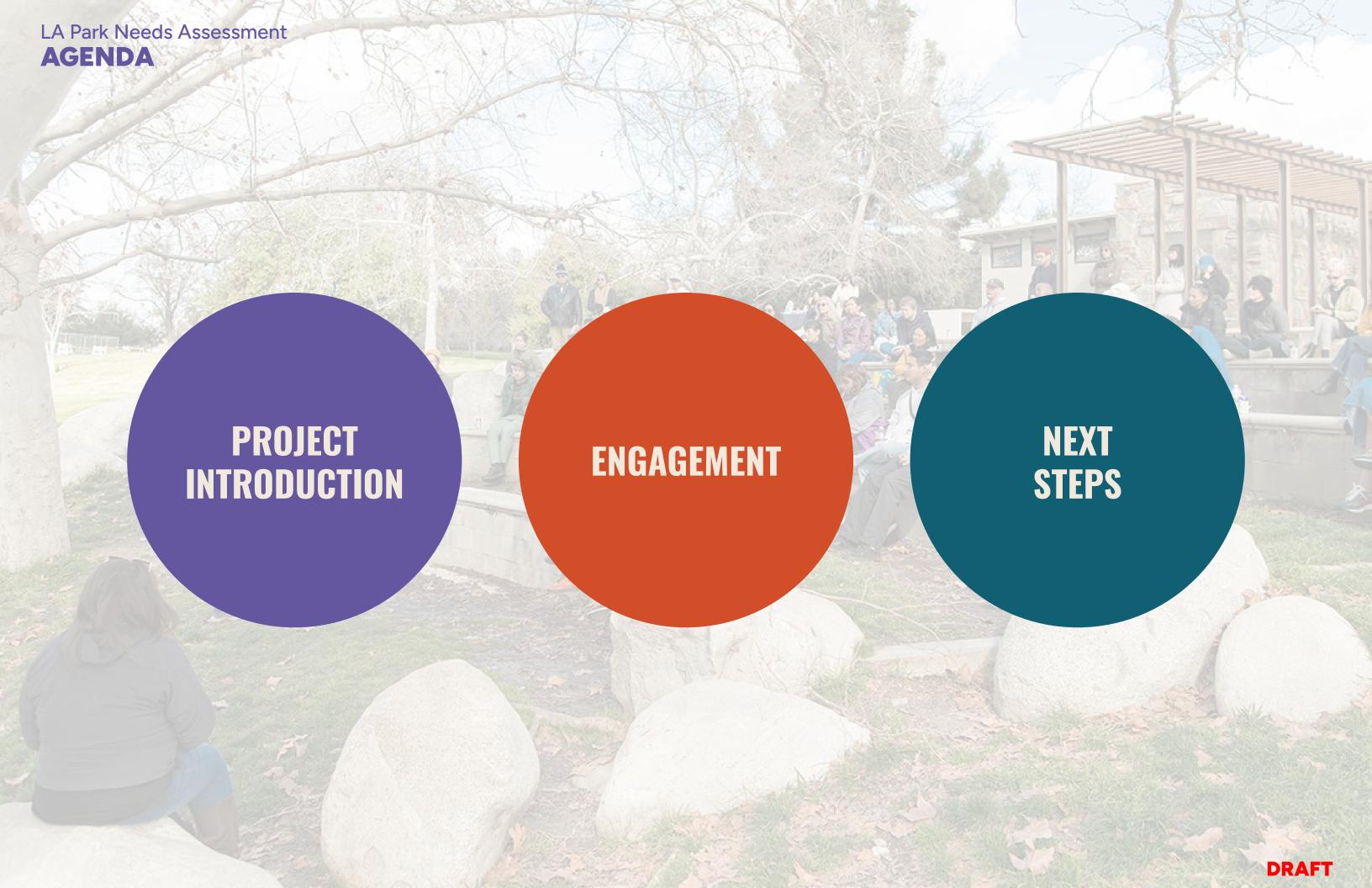
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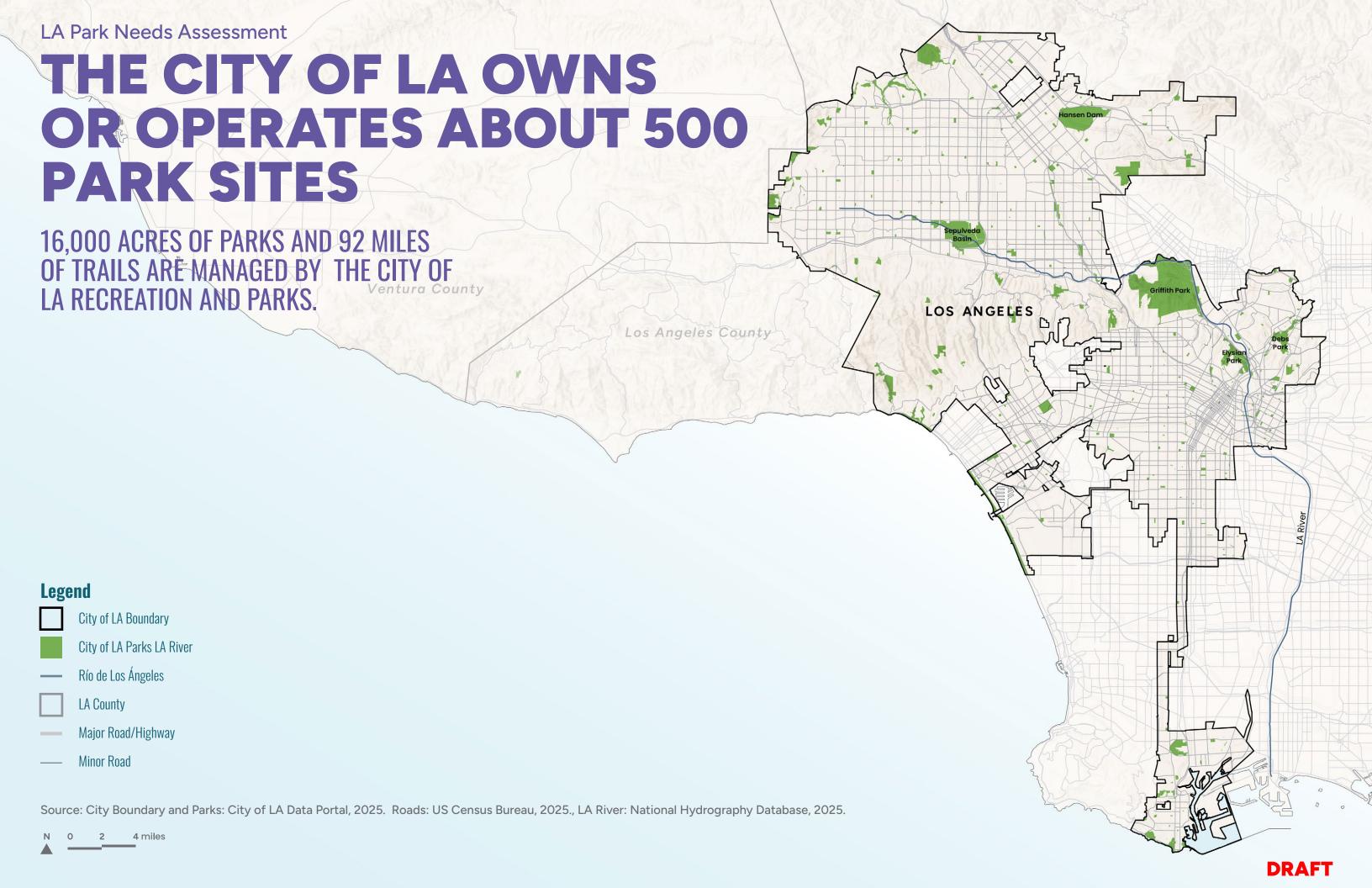


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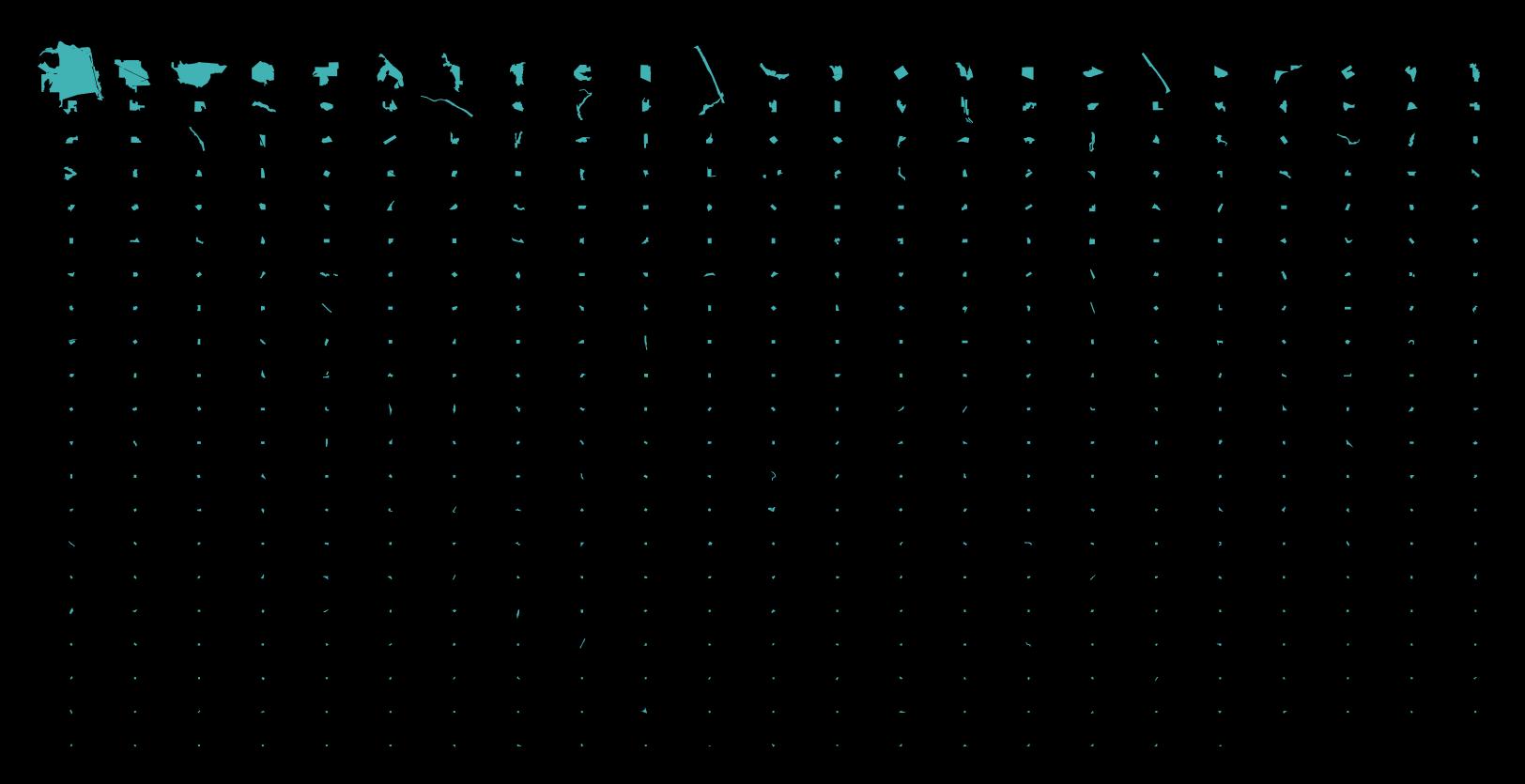


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### 16,000+ ACRES



## LA Park Needs Assessment RAP OVERVIEW

#### **FACILITIES AND AMENITIES**

**123 RECREATION CENTERS** 

**59** POOLS

**29** SENIOR CENTERS

**15** LICENSED CHILDCARE CENTERS

**411** PLAYGROUNDS

**39** UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS

**130** OUTDOOR FITNESS ZONES

**256** BALL FIELDS

**29** SKATE PARKS

**319** TENNIS COURTS

**13** GOLF COURSES

**13** DOG PARKS

#### **NATURAL AREAS/EQUESTRIAN**

**92** MILES OF HIKING TRAILS

**13** LAKES

7 CAMPS

**3** EQUESTRIAN CENTERS

**CULTURAL/EDUCATION ASSETS** 

**GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY** 

**GREEK THEATRE** 

**CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM** 

**VENICE BEACH** 

**12 MUSEUMS** 

FISCAL YEAR 23 - 24

**Operating Budget** 

**\$348 MILLION** 

Workforce

1,711 FT 5,000+ PT

**Number of Parks** 

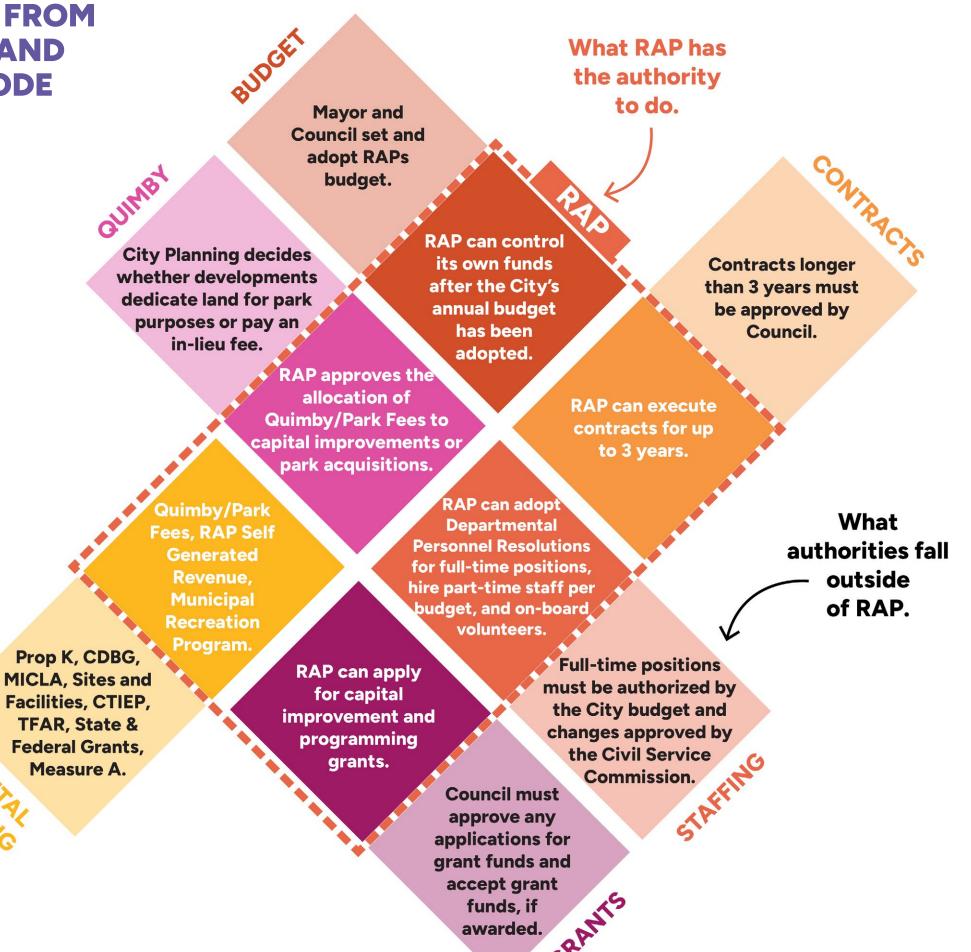
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LA Park Needs Assessment **RAP'S AUTHORITIES FROM** PARKUSE THE CITY CHARTER AND **ADMINISTRATIVE CODE** Council can **Leases in excess What RAP has** adopt ordinances of 5 years require PARKS AND RECREATION to change park approval by the authority **FACILITIES** rules, hours, and **Council by** to do. jurisdiction. ordinance. **RAP** can **Only Council can** RAP can lease park establish, condemn property. property to other construct, Only DCP can require entities for maintain, operate land dedications for recreational purposes and control park park purposes for for up to 50 years. residential and recreation developments. facilities. Only RAP can What **RAP** approves approve the authorities fall all art on park acquisition of outside property. property for park of RAP. purposes. **Cultural Affairs is** RAP can operate RAP can hire responsible for the recreational **Park Rangers and** conservation of the improvements make physical City's Permanent Art located on a street improvements Collection even on or Right-of-Way (i.e. lighting and RAP property. by ordinance. cameras). RAP can create **LAPD** responds to Council can move **Park Master Plans** calls, manages the property in and for RAP property **Park Gate Closure** out of RAPs and plan park Program, and can jurisdiction via AS PARKETS improvements. review security ordinance. footage. **City Planning** prepares the **General Plan and** other Plans that set open space goals and benchmarks.

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RAP'S AUTHORITIES FROM THE CITY CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

BUDGET, REVENUE, AND STAFFING



## PROJECT PURPOSE

Identify current and future needs, challenges, and opportunities for improvement across the City's parks and recreational facilities.

The PNA will guide future investment in park infrastructure and amenities that is reflective of the diverse cultures and communities of the City of Los Angeles.

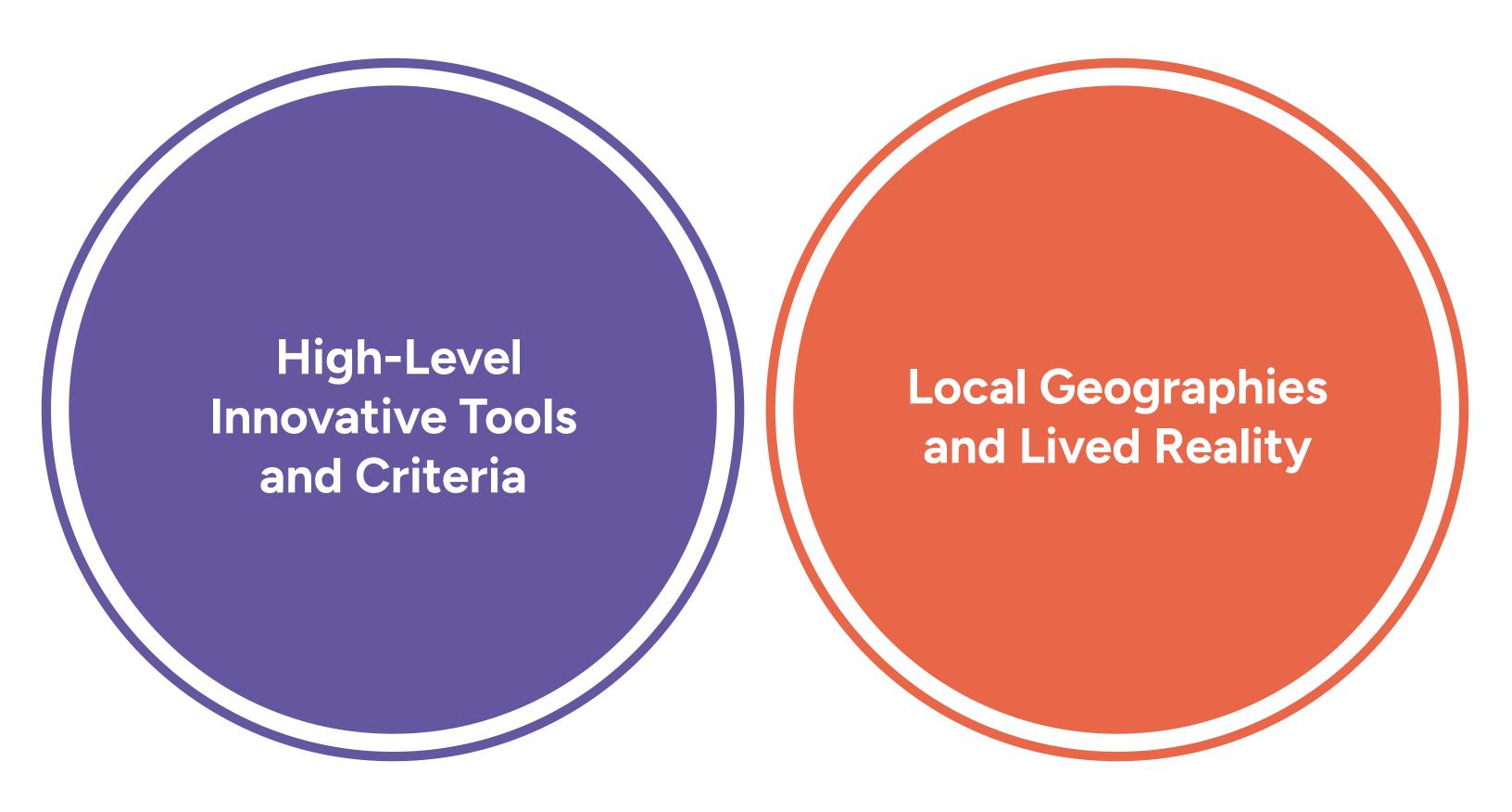


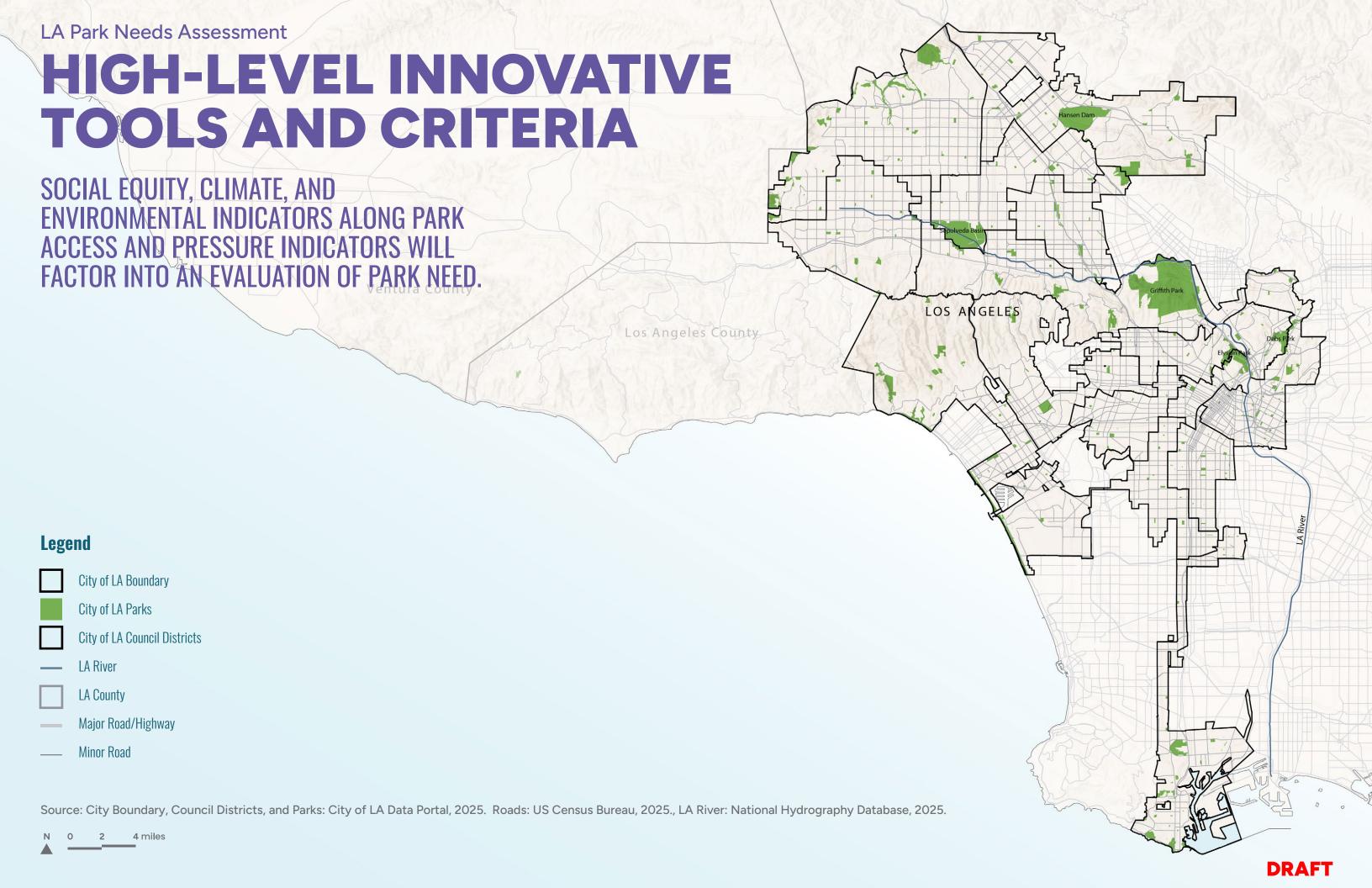
### PROJECT PURPOSE

The PNA is a system-wide assessment and evaluation of RAP parks and facilities, focusing on park needs up to and beyond 25 years into the future.



#### **WORKING AT MULTIPLE SCALES AT ONCE**





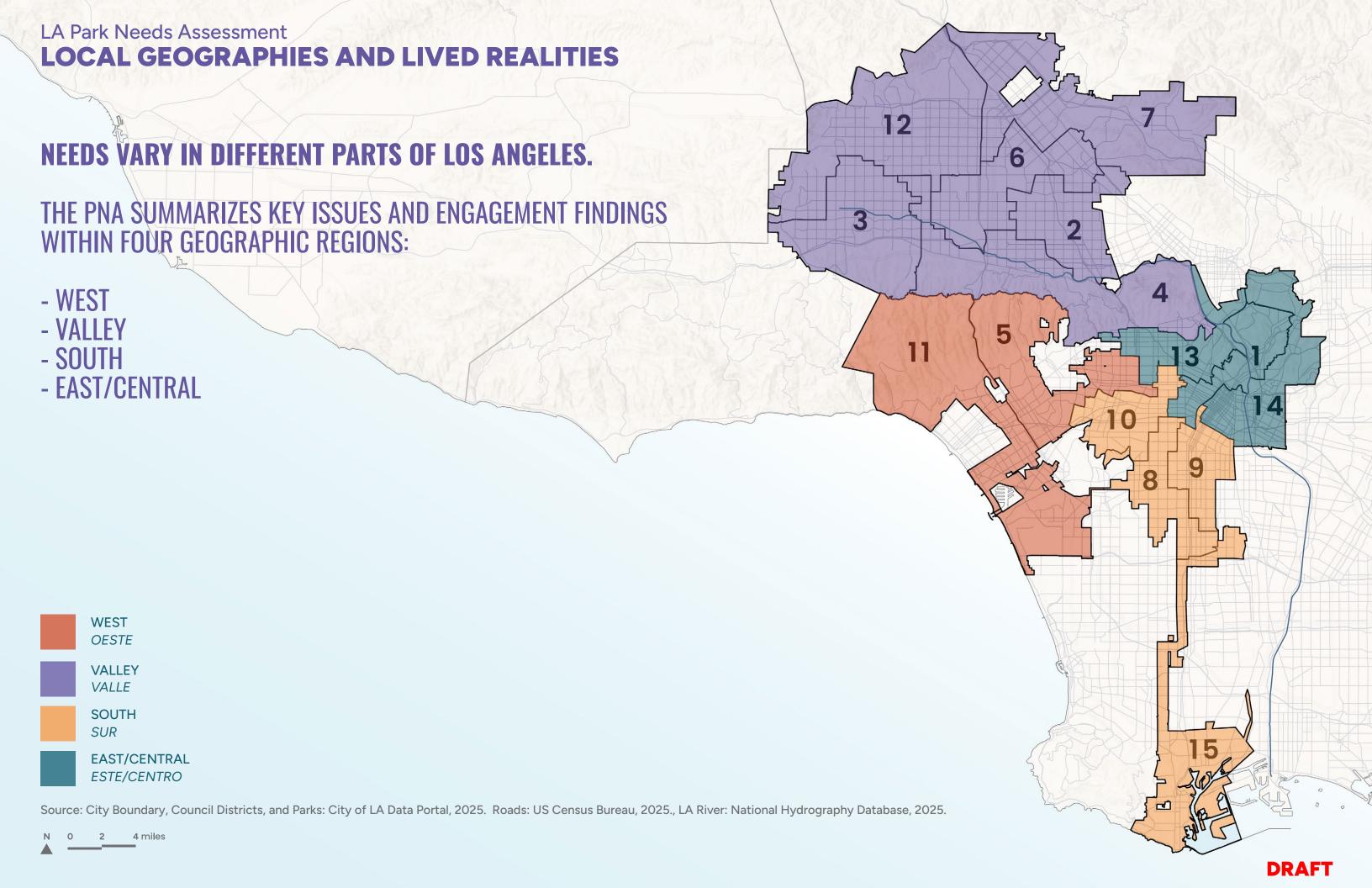




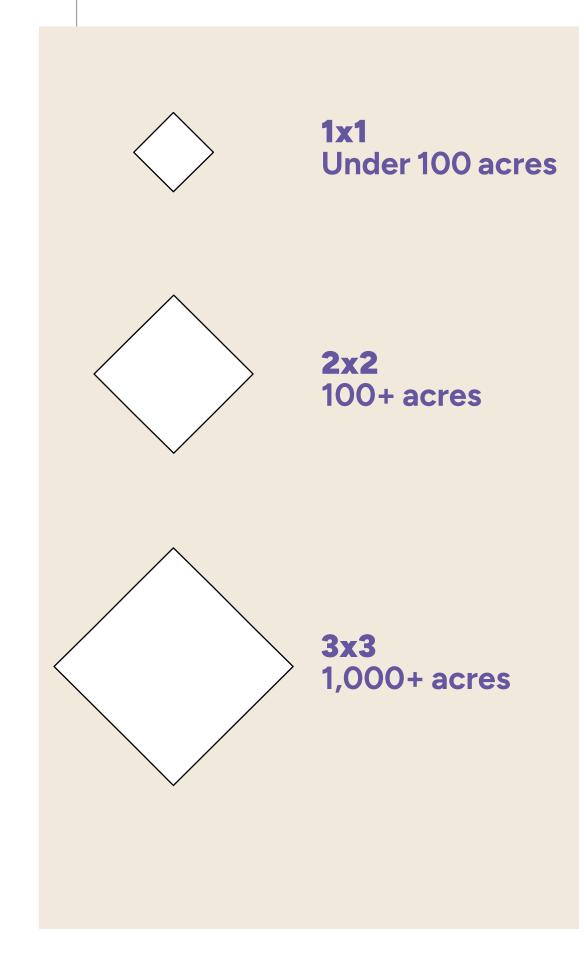


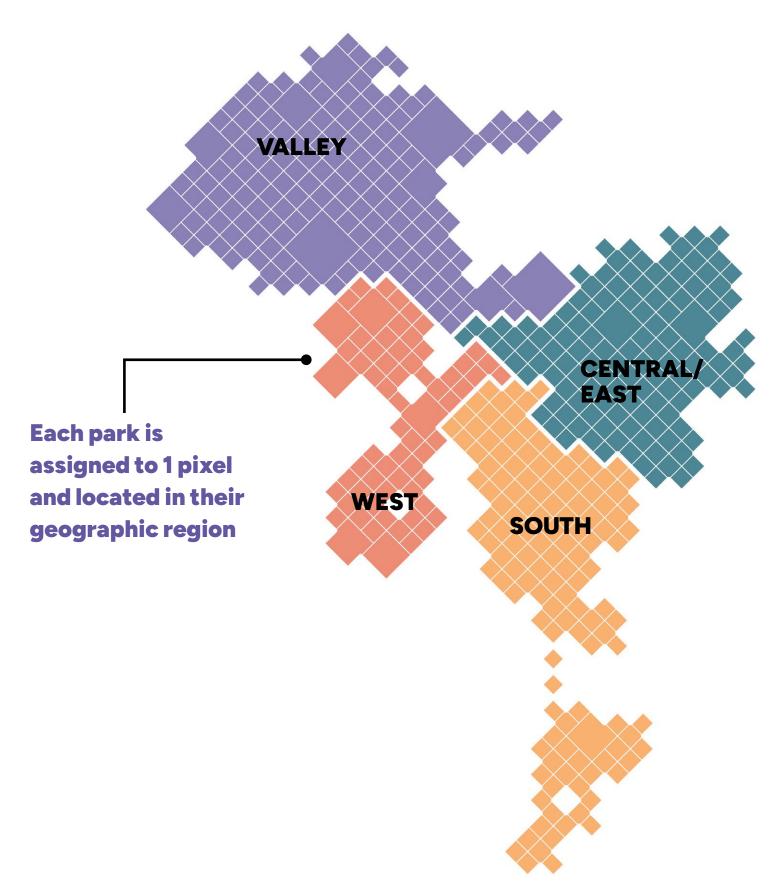




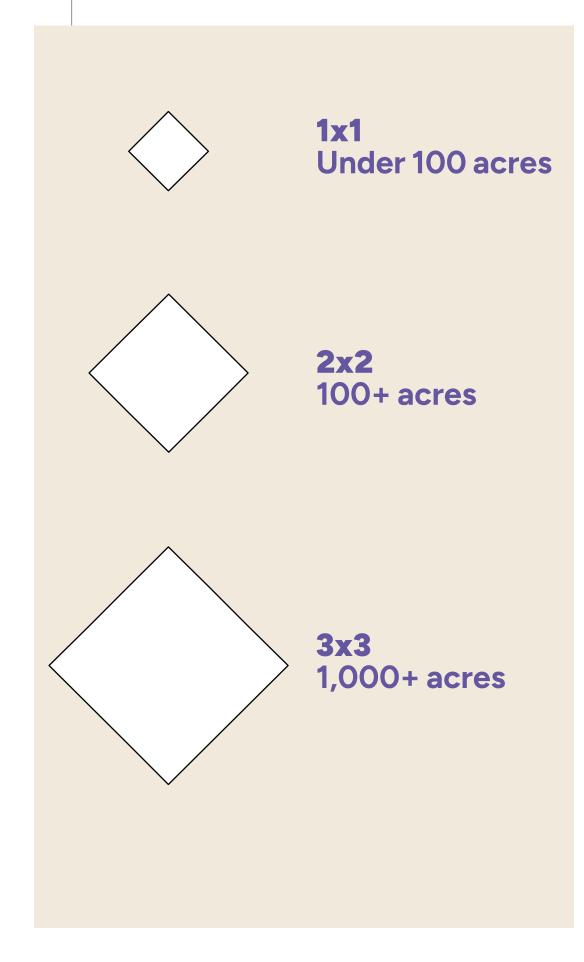


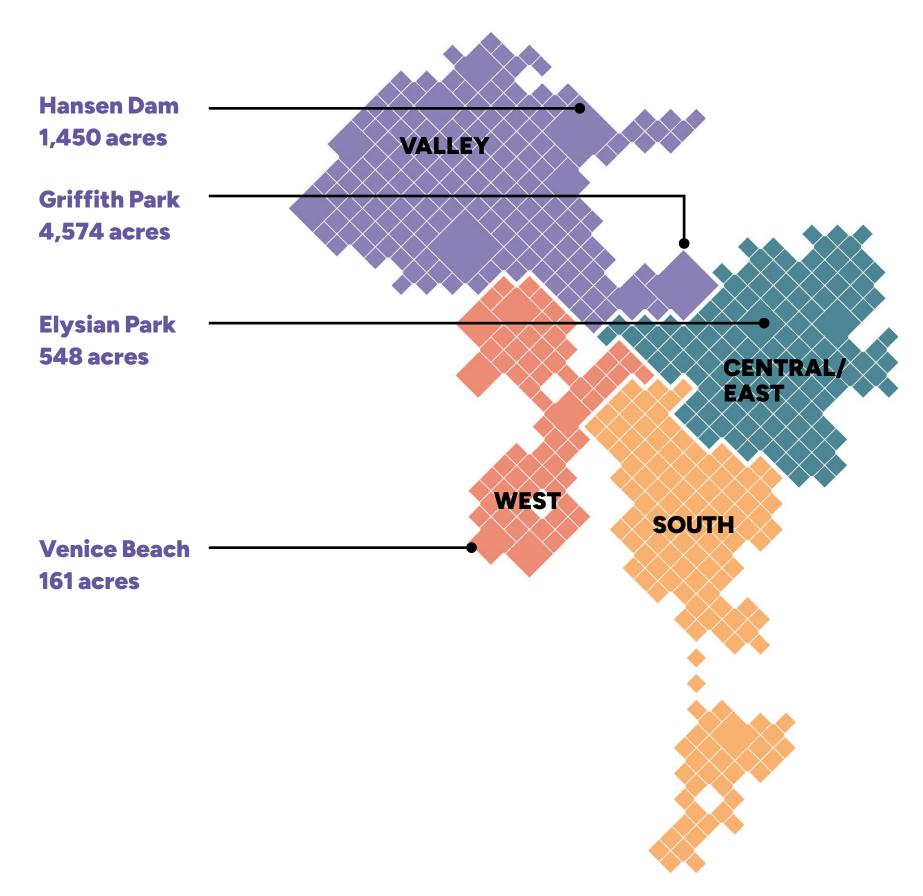
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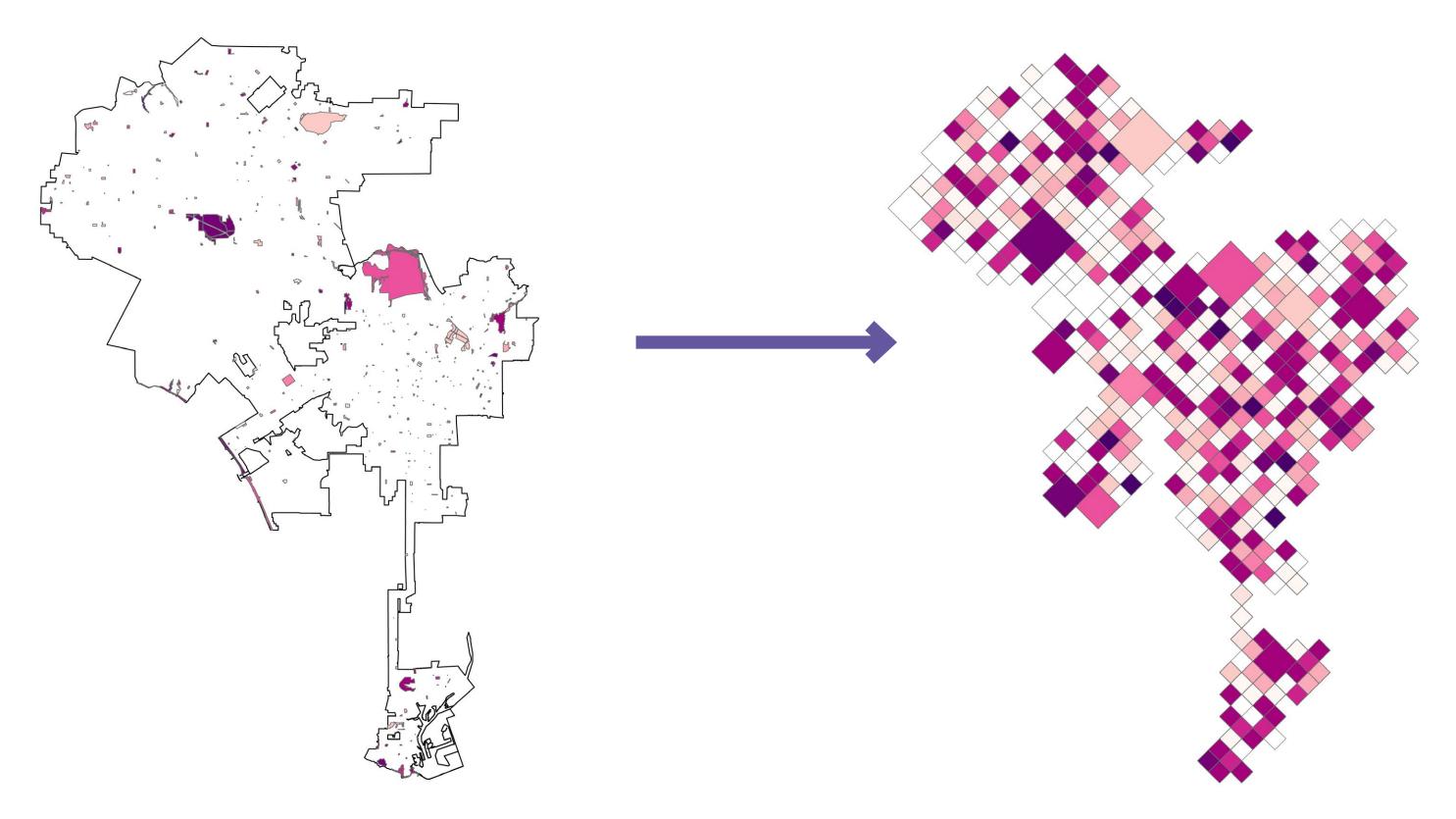
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#### **EXAMPLE: PARK CONDITION ASSESSMENT (PCA)**



**PCA Data visualized by park** 

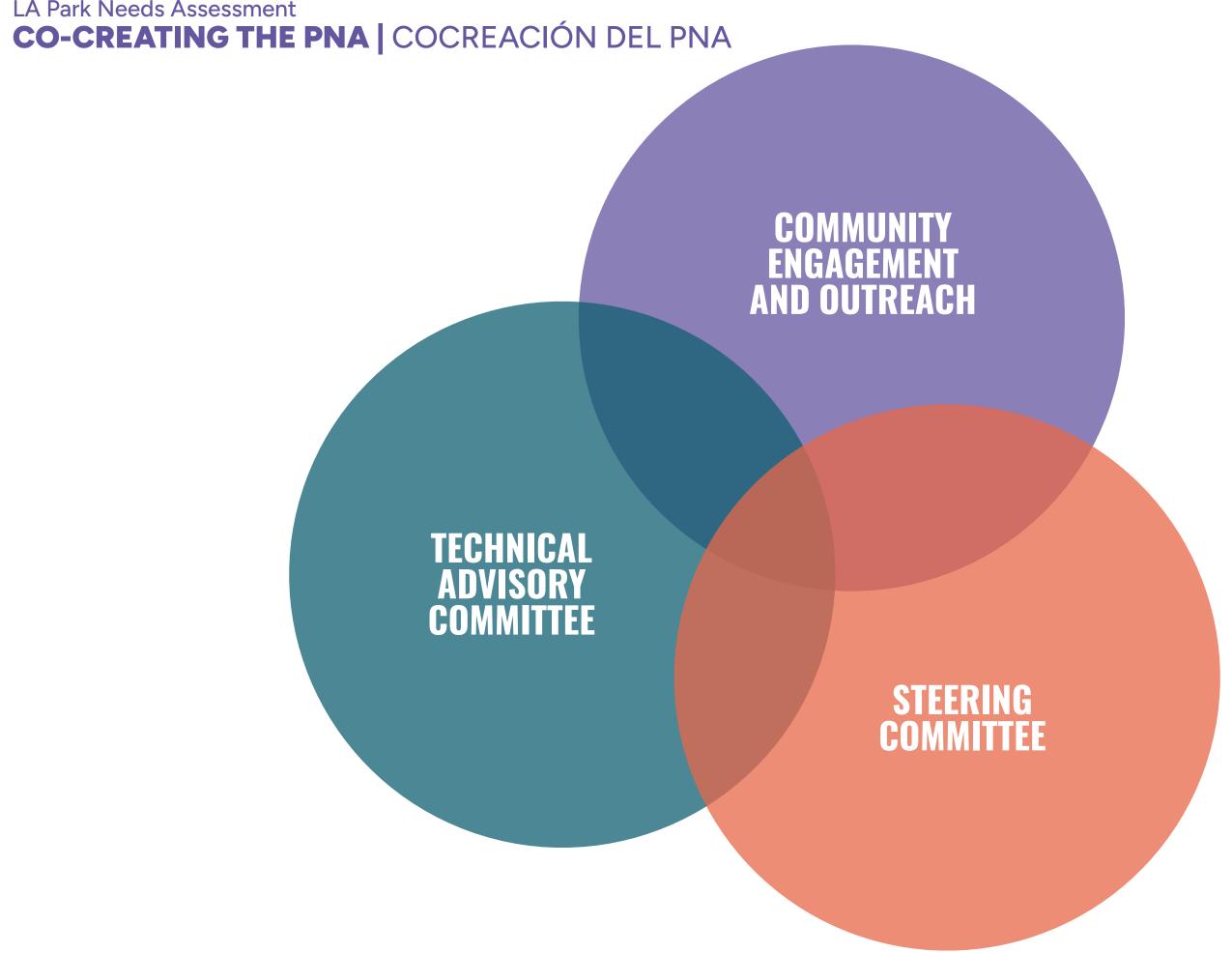
**PCA Data visualized by park pixel** 



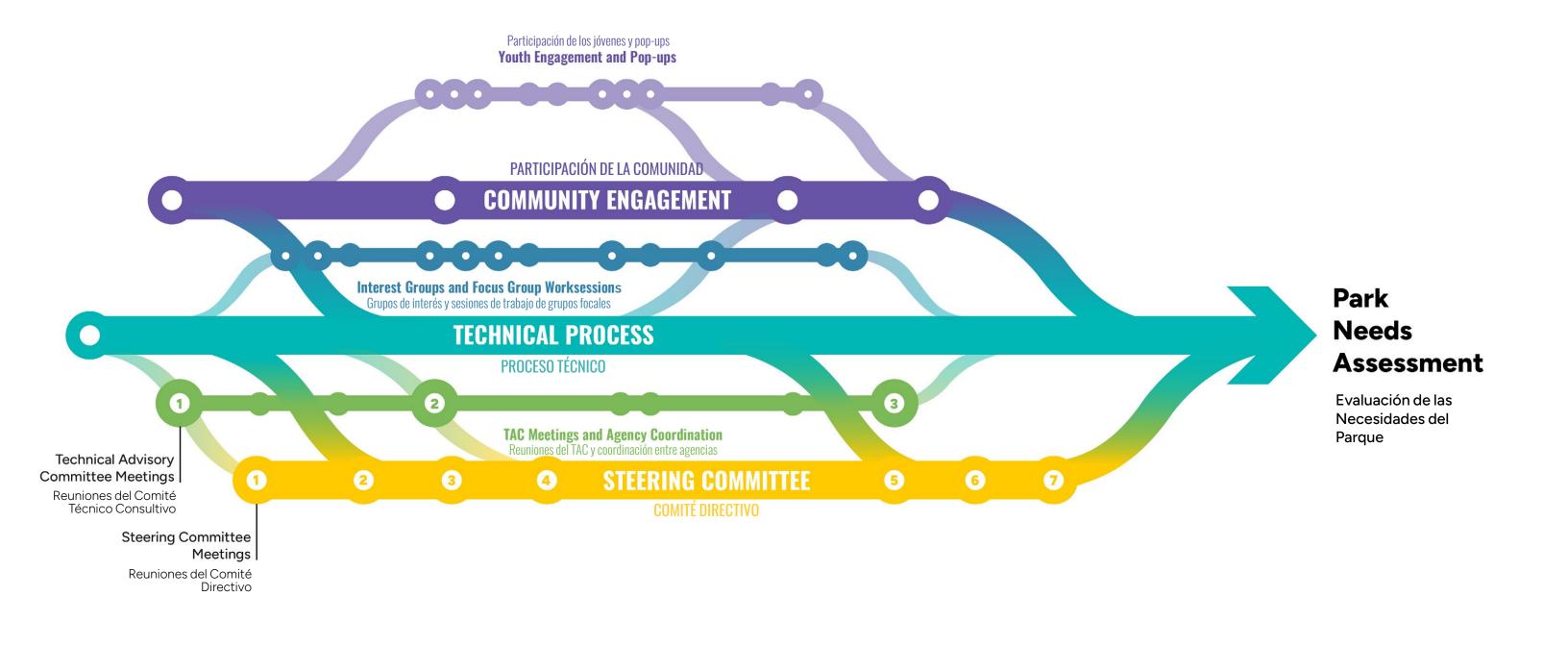
## ENGAGEMENT

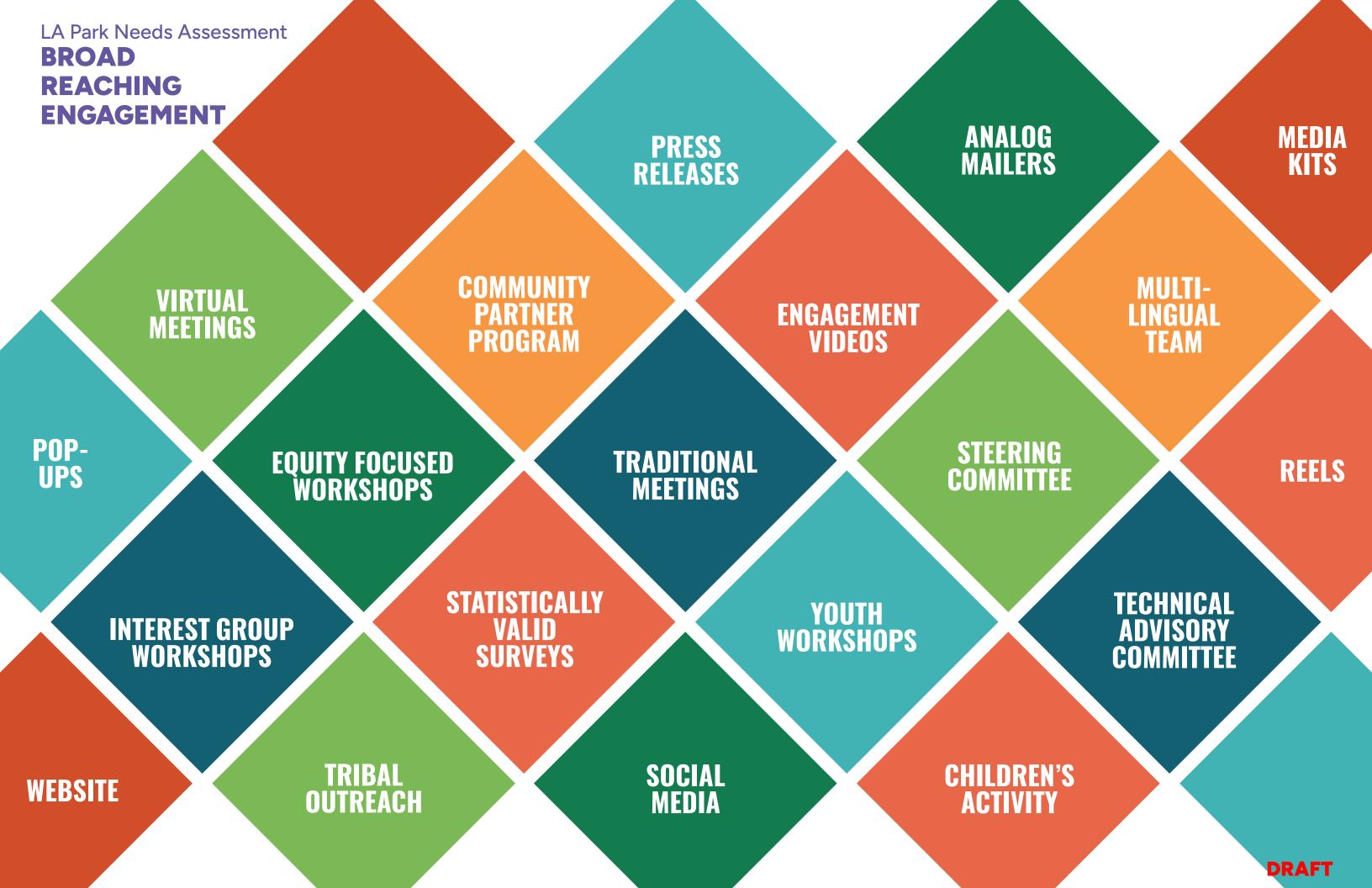
# Public engagement is foundational to a comprehensive Park Needs Assessment!

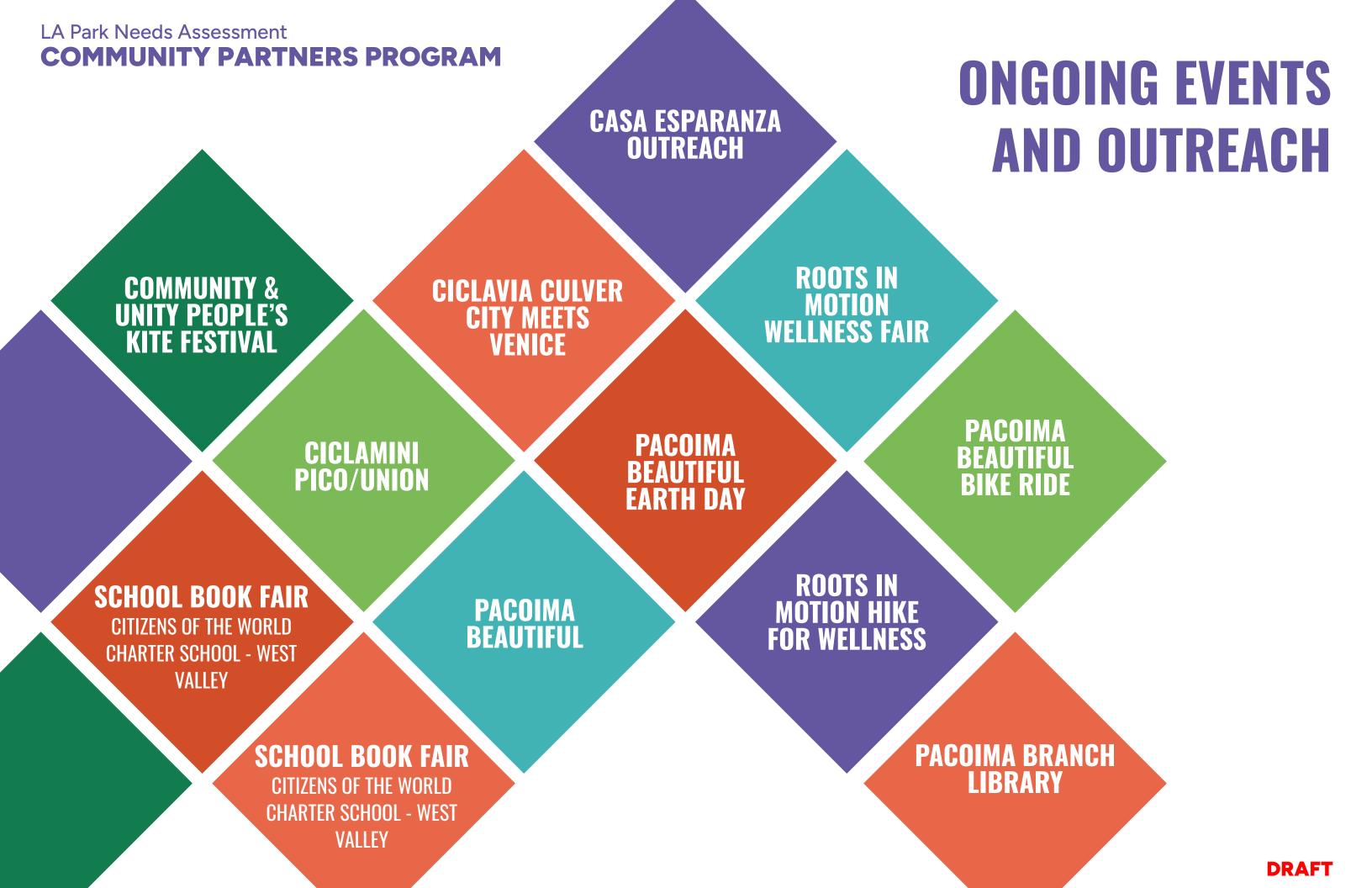




## LA Park Needs Assessment CO-CREATING THE PNA







#### PHASE 1 & 2 ENGAGEMENT LOCATIONS

#### PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

1 Ramona Hall (CD 1)

- 5 Tarzana Rec Center (CD 3)
- 2 Wilmington Rec Center (CD 15)
- 6 Westchester Rec Center (CD 11)
- 3 Algin Sutton Rec Center (CD 8)
- 7 Lincoln Park Senior Center (CD 14)
- 4 Victory Vineland Rec Center (CD 2)

#### PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

- 1 JT Harvard Rec Center (CD 8)
- 7 Friendship Auditorium (CD 4)
- **2** Lake View Terrace Rec Center (CD 7)
- 8 Sepulveda Rec Center (CD 6)
- 3 Lafayette Rec Center (CD 10)
- 9 Pan Pacific Park Senior Center (CD 5)
- South Park Rec Center (CD 9)
- 10) Alpine Rec Center (CD 1)
- **5** Evergreen Rec Center (CD 14)
- (11) Granada Hills Rec Center (CD 12)
- 6 Peck Park Rec Center (CD 15)

#### **POP-UPS AND YOUTH EVENTS: PHASE 1**

1 Tarzana Earth Day

**3** SEACA Youth Workshop

2 CicLAvia

LA Maker Faire, YMCA Healthy Day For Kids, (Youth Outreach), and LASAN Earth Day (Pop Up)

#### POP-UPS AND YOUTH EVENTS: PHASE 2

- 1 National Night Out/Sun Valley
- 3 Lotus Festival

2 Salute to Recreation

**4** San Pedro Pride

**DRAFT** 

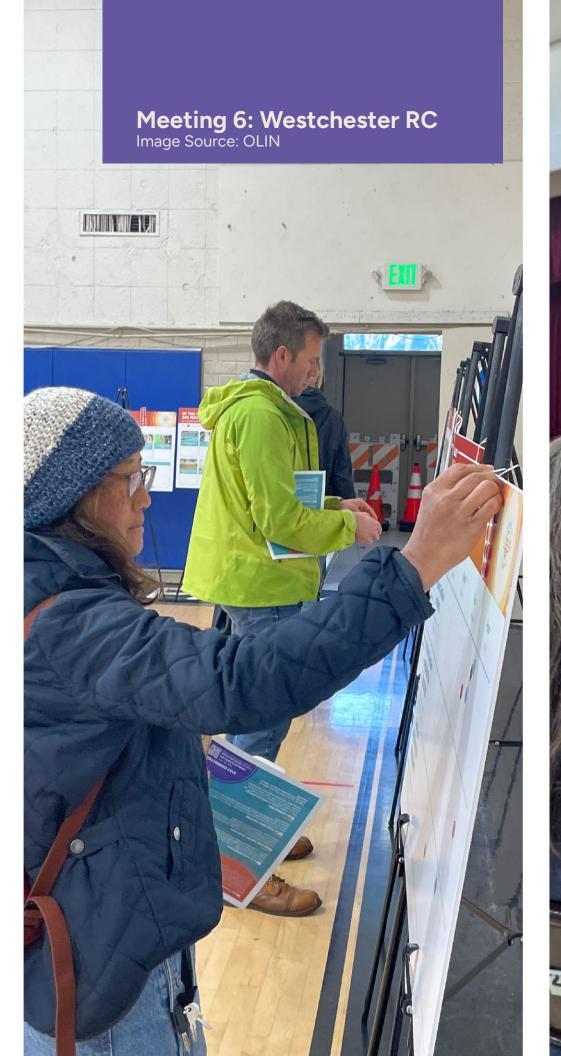






















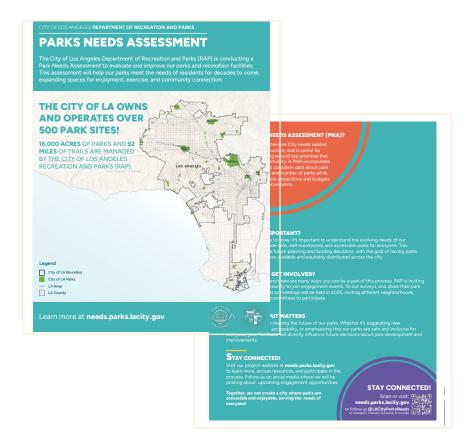




#### LA Park Needs Assessment

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### ANALOG OUTREACH



FACT SHEETS AT COMMUNITY MEETINGS
(TRANSLATED TO SPANISH, KOREAN, ARMENIAN, CHINESE)



**FLYER DISTRIBUTION** (ENGLISH/SPANISH)



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¡AYUDE A DARLE FORMA AL FUTURO DE LOS PARQUES DE LA CIUDAD DE LOS ÁNGELES!

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**VINYL BANNERS AT RAP PARKS** (ENGLISH/SPANISH)

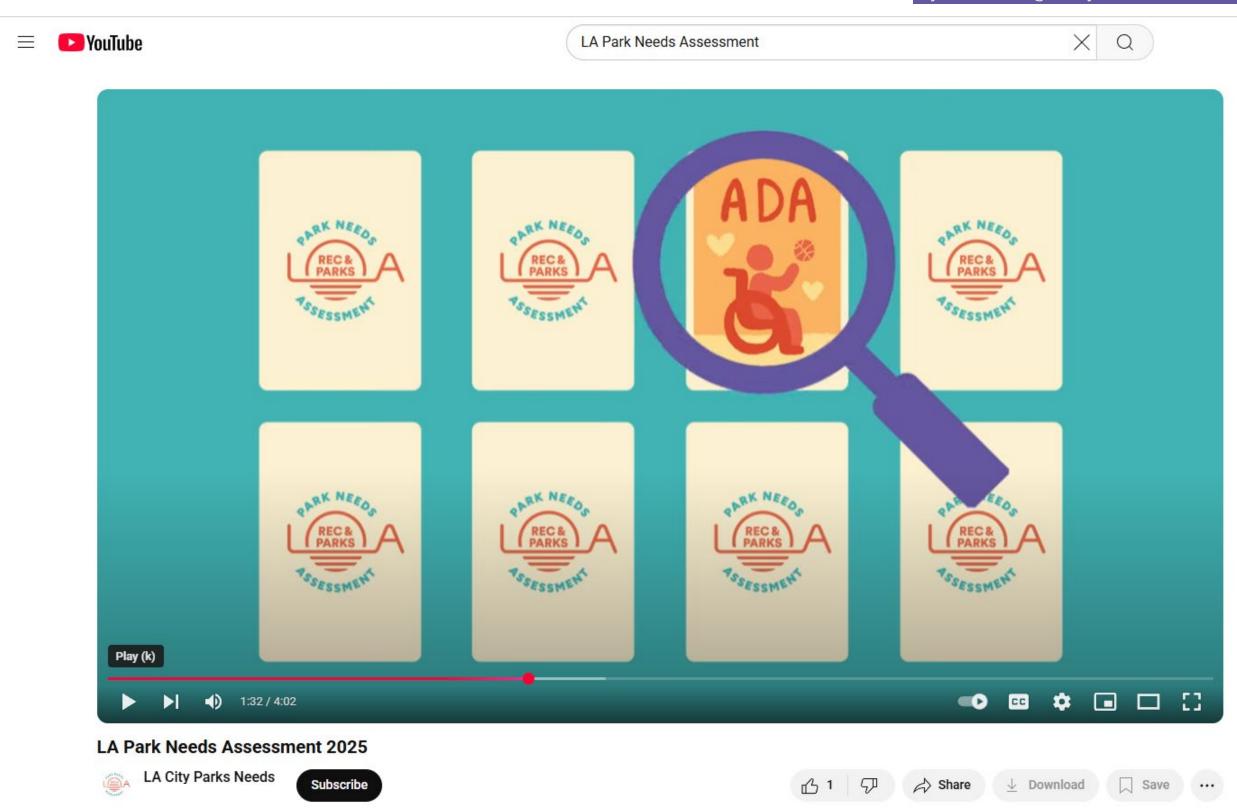


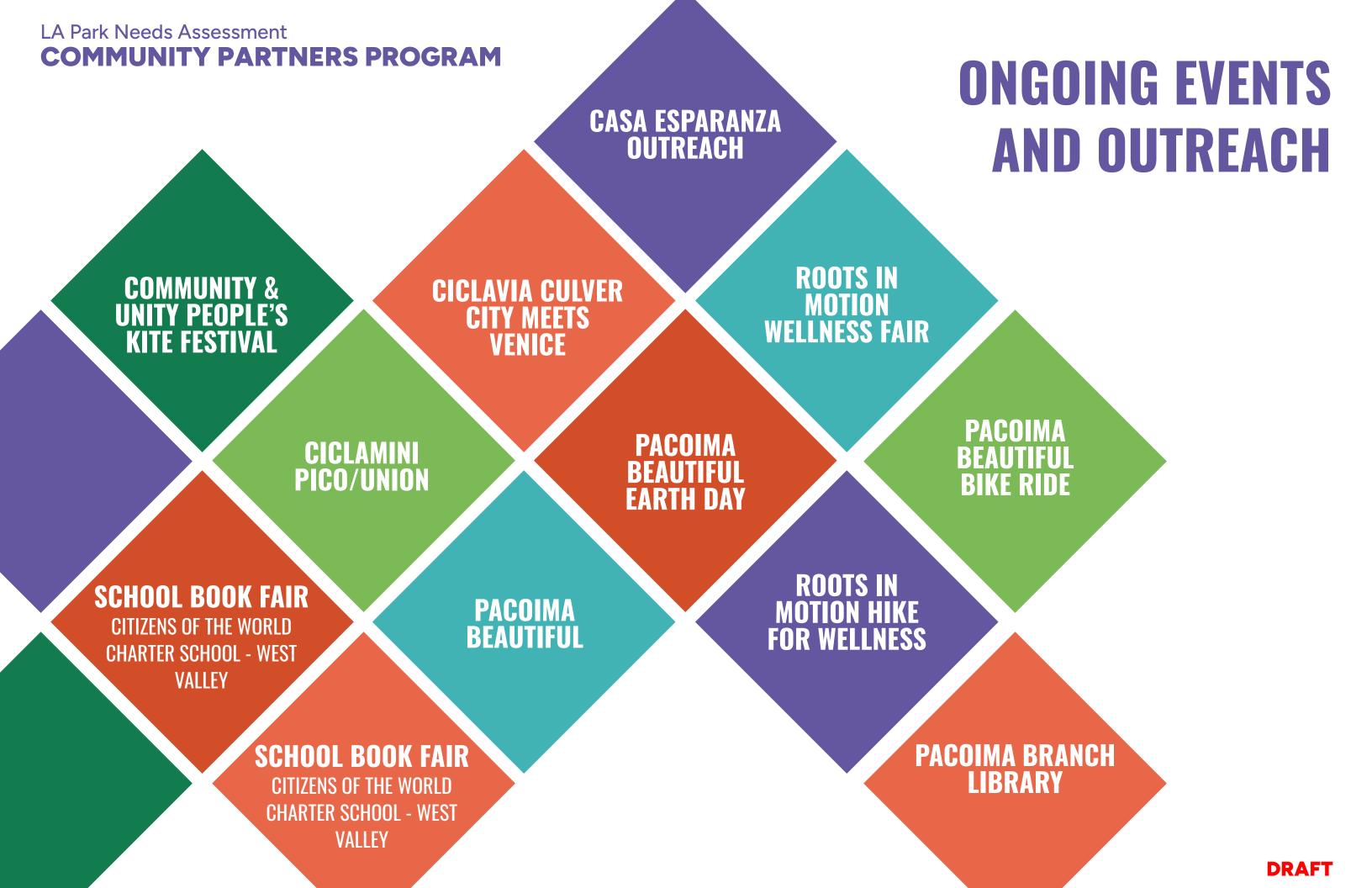
HANDOUTS DIRECTING USERS TO WEBSITE AND SURVEY (ENGLISH/SPANISH)



## **OUTREACH**

Second Animated PNA Video Released youtube.com/@LACityParksNeeds







#### **ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH MATERIALS**



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Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, Youtube

**SOCIAL MEDIA** 



get involved, share your thoughts, and help shape the future of LA's parks and

3501 Valley Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90031

Wed, March 5 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Wilmington Rec Center 325 N. Neptune Ave Wilmington, CA 90744

Tues, March 11

Tarzana Rec Center (in Child

Tues, March 18

Virtual via Zoom

Thur, March 6 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Algin Sutton Rec Center 8800 S Hoover St Los Angeles, CA 90044

Thur, March 13 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Westchester Rec Center 7000 W. Manchester Ave Los Angeles, CA 90045

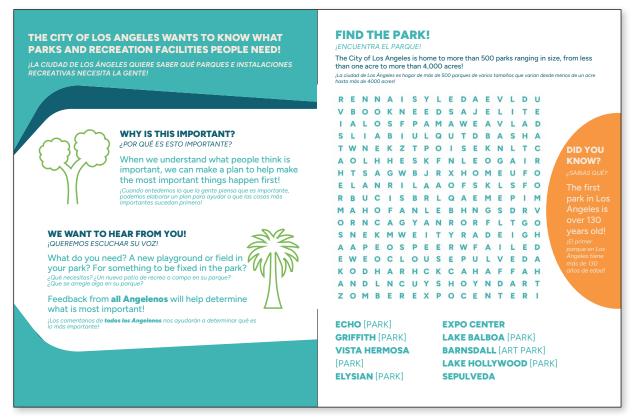
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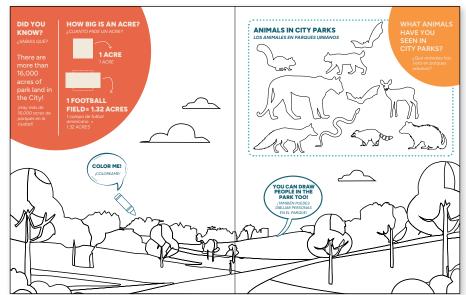
#### **ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH MATERIALS**

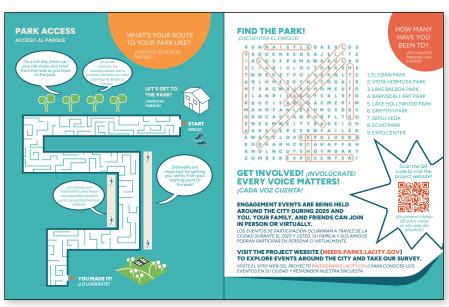












# YOUTH ACTIVITY AND EDUCATION MATERIALS



Planning Process Community Engagement Resources FAQ Q



The City of Los Angeles is excited to begin work on updating its Park Needs Assessment for the first time since 2009. The Park Needs Assessment will be a roadmap to just and fair capital investment in parks and recreation and equitable connections to quality parks and recreation, to meet current and future needs of residents!

#### **GET INVOLVED!**

Be part of the planning process for the City of Los Angeles Park Needs Assessment! You can participate by attending a community event, taking the online survey, or by writing to the team directly to let us know your thoughts, concerns, and big ideas.

#### ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING

**RSVP Here!** 

CAN'T MAKE IT TO A COMMUNITY MEETING? TAKE **OUR SURVEY!** 

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ONLINE AND STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY RESPONSES

2,398 **SHORT ONLINE SURVEY** 1,008 RESPONSES STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY RESPONSES 1,750 **FULL ONLINE** SURVEY RESPONSES

The statistically valid survey represents a **representative sample of the population** in each council district in the City of LA.



TAKEAWAYS: ABOUT YOU

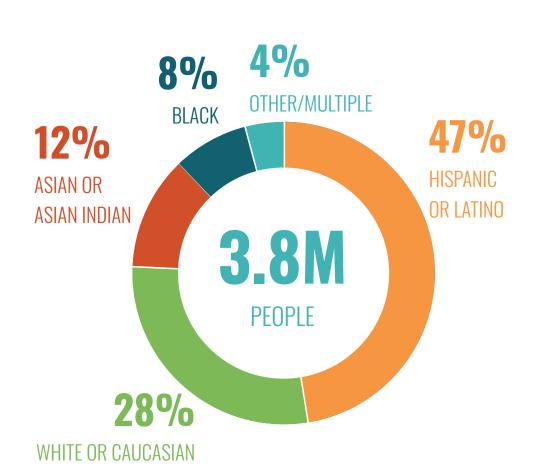
### THE DEMOGRAPHIC MAKEUP OF THE STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY'S RESPONDENTS CLOSELY MATCH THAT OF THE CITY.

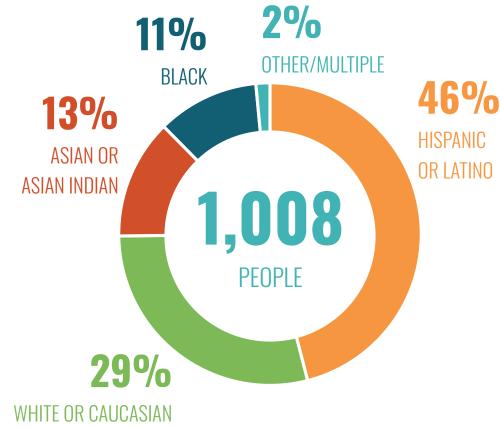


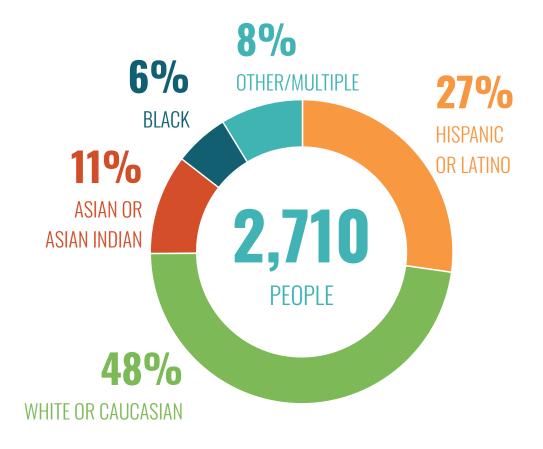
#### STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

#### **ONLINE SURVEY**

OF THE 4,148 RESPONDENTS, 3,743 REPORTED THAT THEY LIVE WITHIN AN LA ZIP CODE.







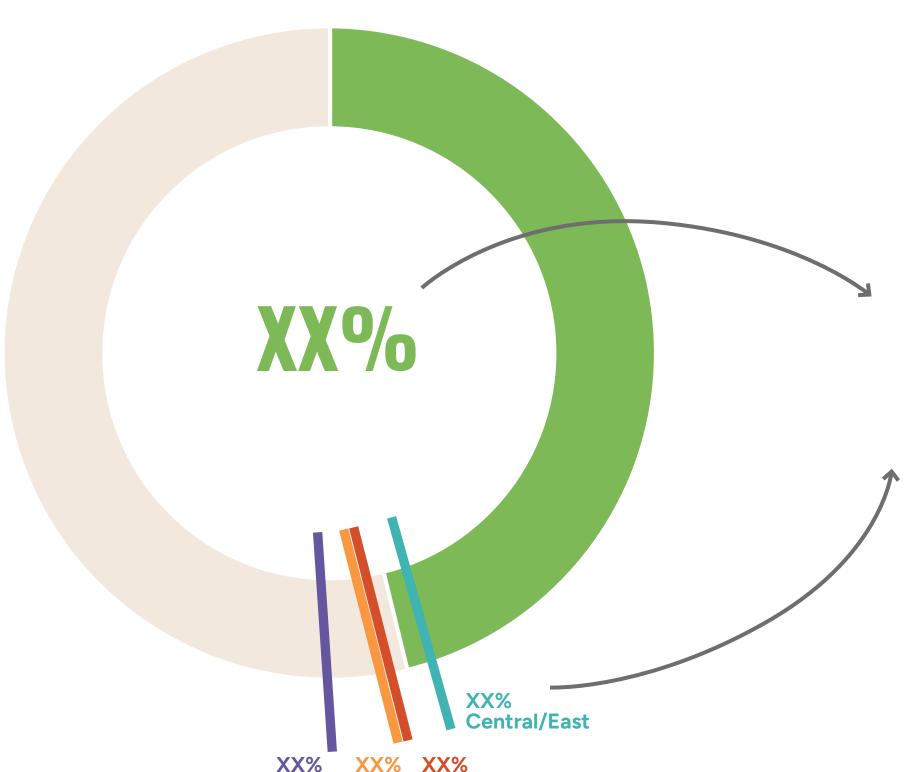
#### **HOW TO READ THE SURVEY TAKEAWAYS**

**Valley** 

**South West** 



Tabs at the top of each slide show which survey source the content came from.



Each tick mark represents a different region. The percentage shown should be compared to the statistic shown in the middle of the pie chart.

Central/East
West
South
Valley

**TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES** 

## LESS THAN HALF OF RESPONDENTS FEEL THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH PARKS AND/OR RECREATION CENTERS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THEIR HOME.



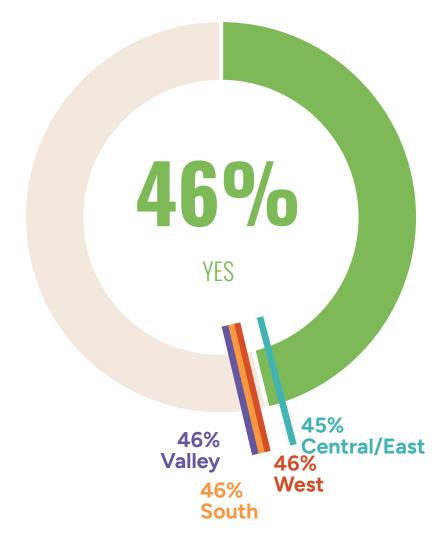
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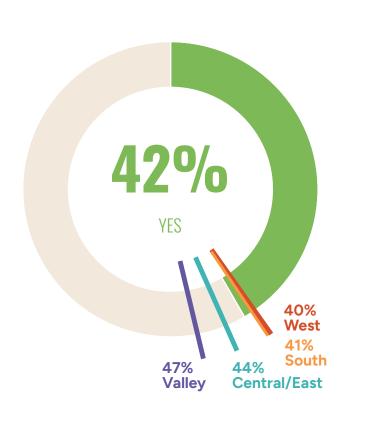
IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT

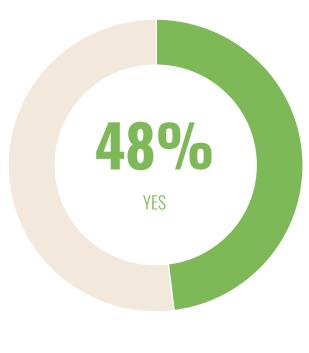
990 Total Respondents

**4,097 Total Respondents** 

**52 Total Respondents** 







DO YOU FEEL THERE ARE ENOUGH PARKS AND/OR RECREATION CENTERS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF YOUR HOME?

TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES

**PHASE 1 SURVEY RESPONSES** 

#### Car

★ Walk

Sike Bike

Bus

Rail

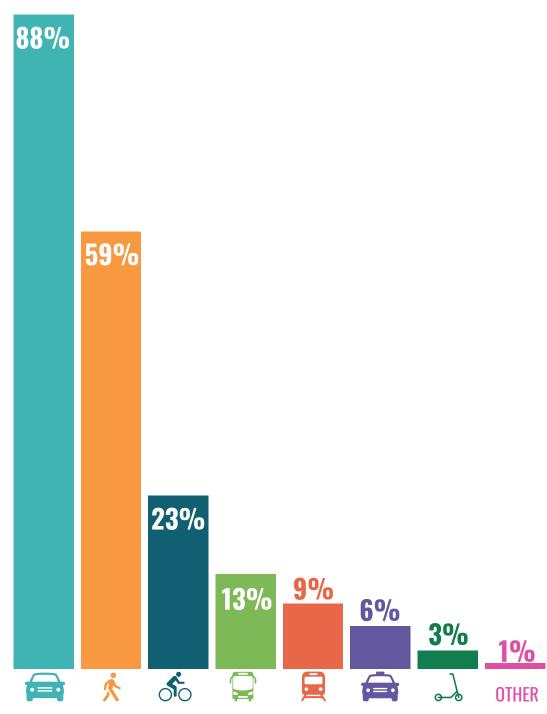
Taxi or Carshare

Dockless Scooter/Bike

Other

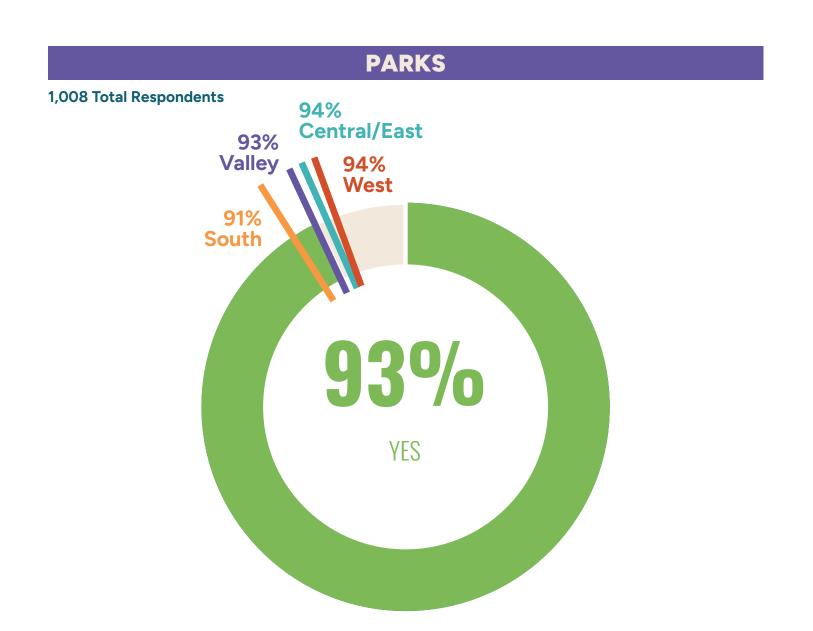


1,990 Total Responses



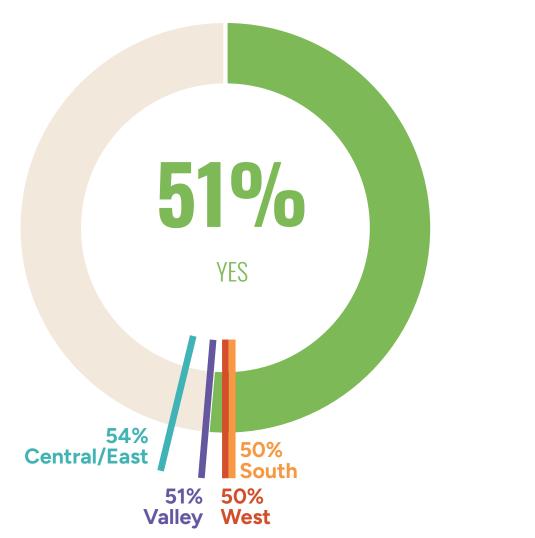
**TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES** 

## MOST RESPONDENTS HAVE VISITED A CITY OF LA PARK IN THE PAST YEAR, WHILE ONLY ABOUT HALF HAVE VISTED A CITY OF LA RECREATION CENTER.





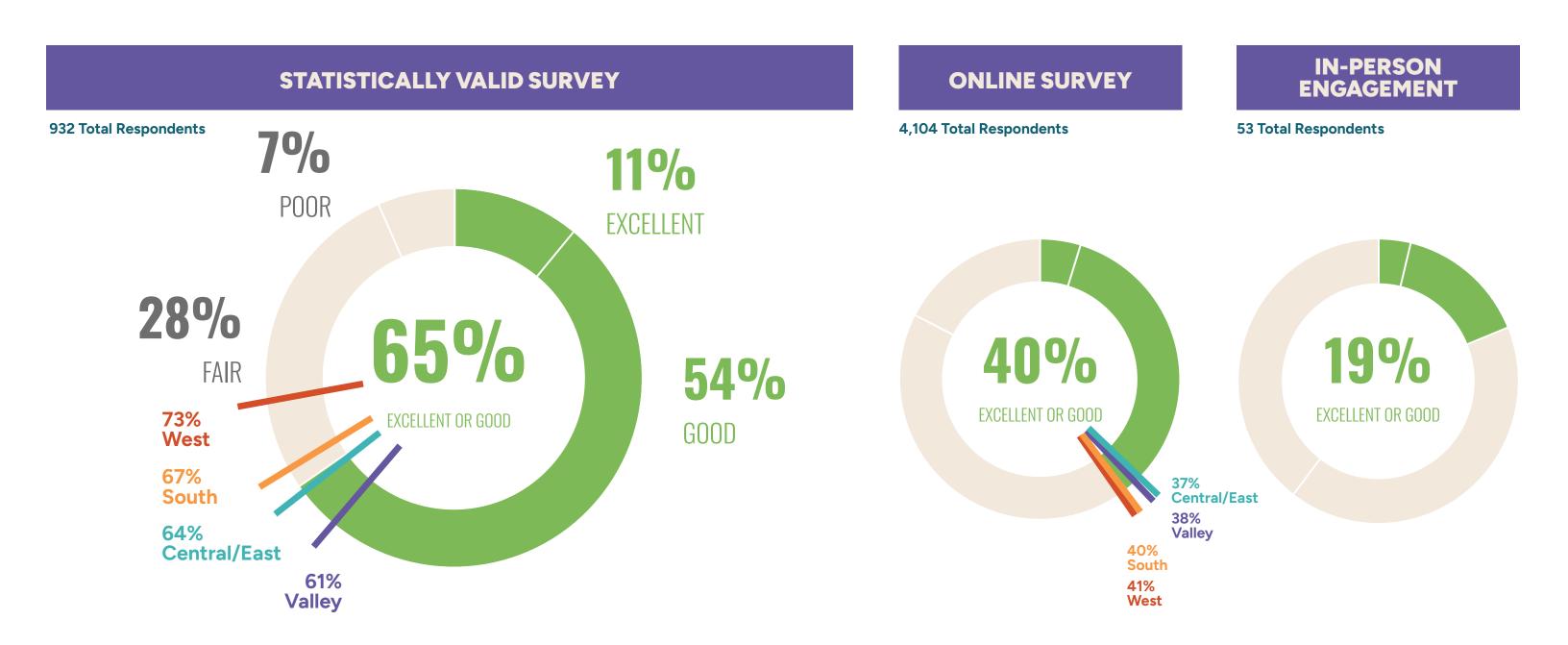
1,008 Total Respondents



HAVE YOU VISITED ANY PARKS AND RECREATION CENTERS OFFERED BY CITY RECREATION & PARKS IN PAST 12 MONTHS?

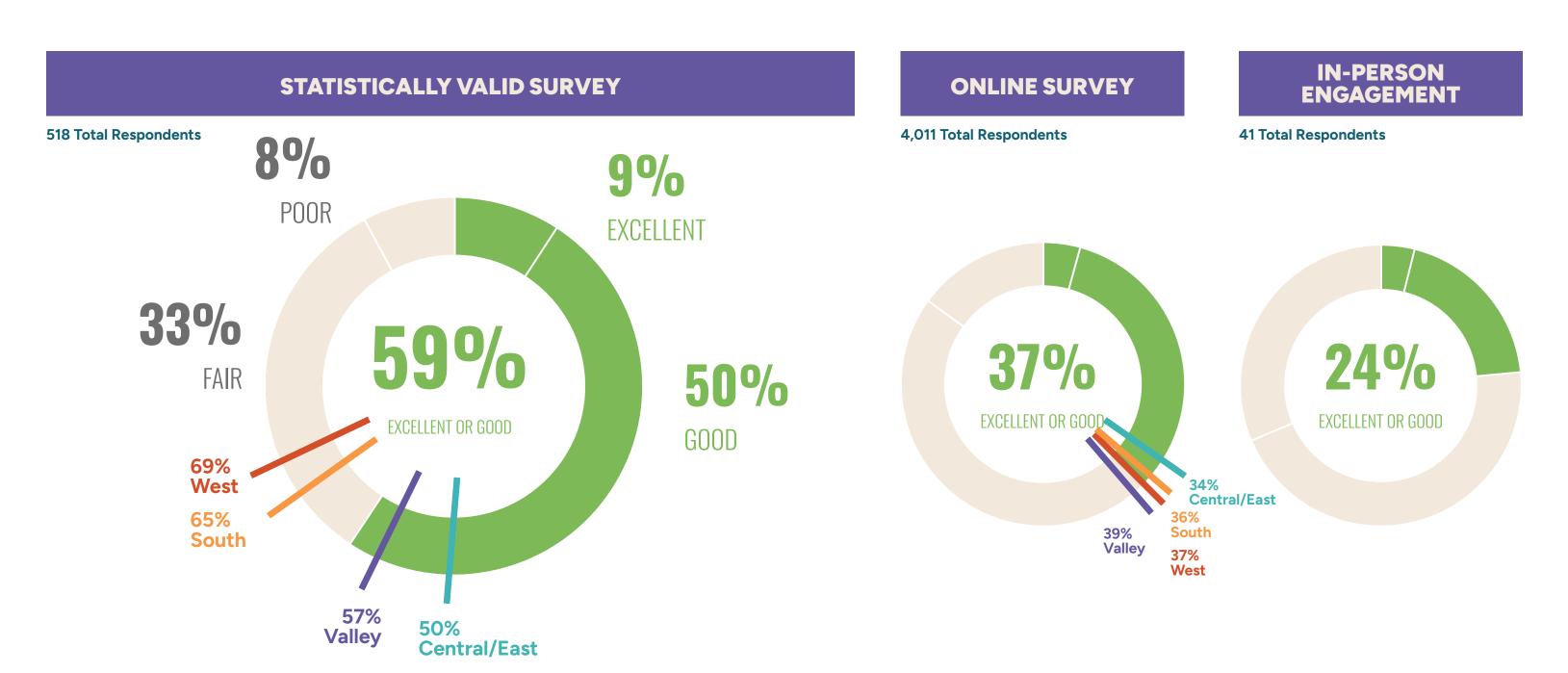
**TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES** 

### NEARLY TWO THIRDS OF RESPONDENTS THINK PARKS ARE IN EXCELLENT OR GOOD CONDITION.



TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES

## MORE THAN HALF OF RESPONDENTS THINK RECREATION CENTERS ARE IN EXCELLENT OR GOOD CONDITION.



ONLINE

### **PHASE 1 SURVEY RESPONSES**

TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES

## ABOUT ONE IN FOUR RESPONDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A RECREATION PROGRAM IN THE PAST YEAR.

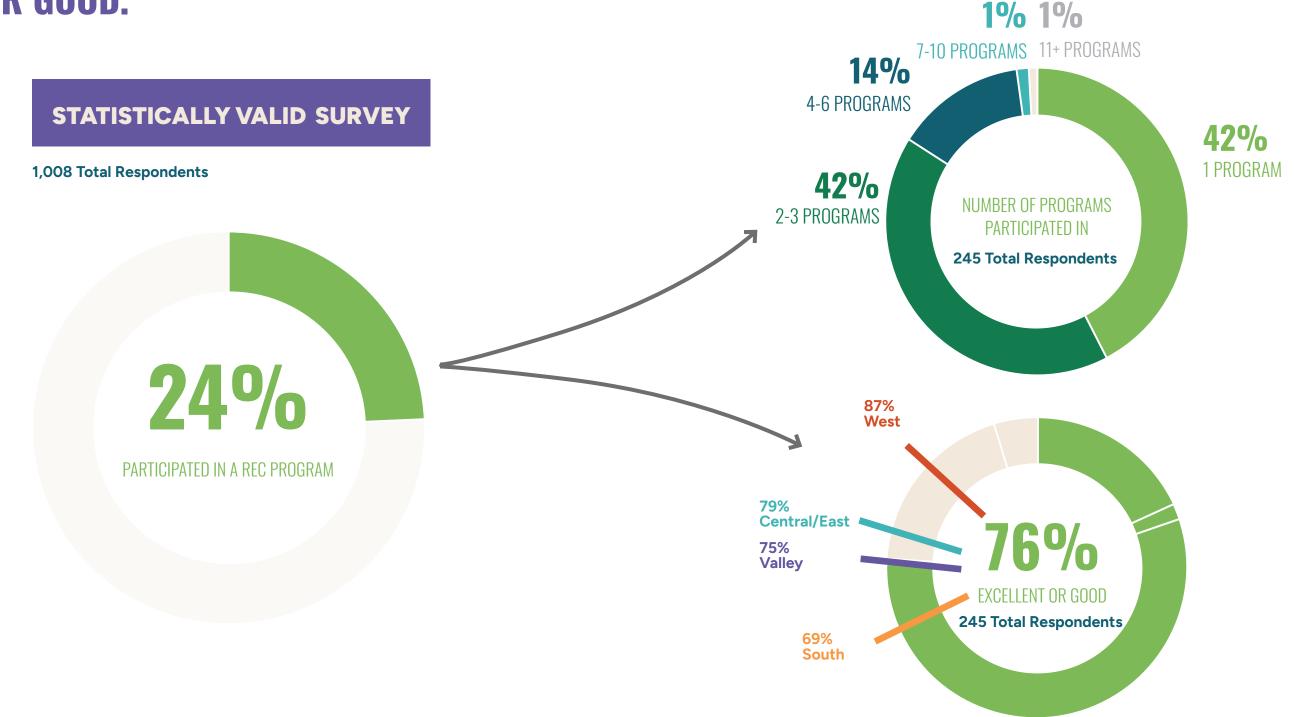
**STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY** 

1,008 Total Respondents



TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES

OF THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED, OVER 75% RATED THE QUALITY OF RECREATION PROGRAMS AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD.



HOW WOULD YOU RATE OVERALL QUALITY OF ALL RECREATION PROGRAMS YOUR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED?

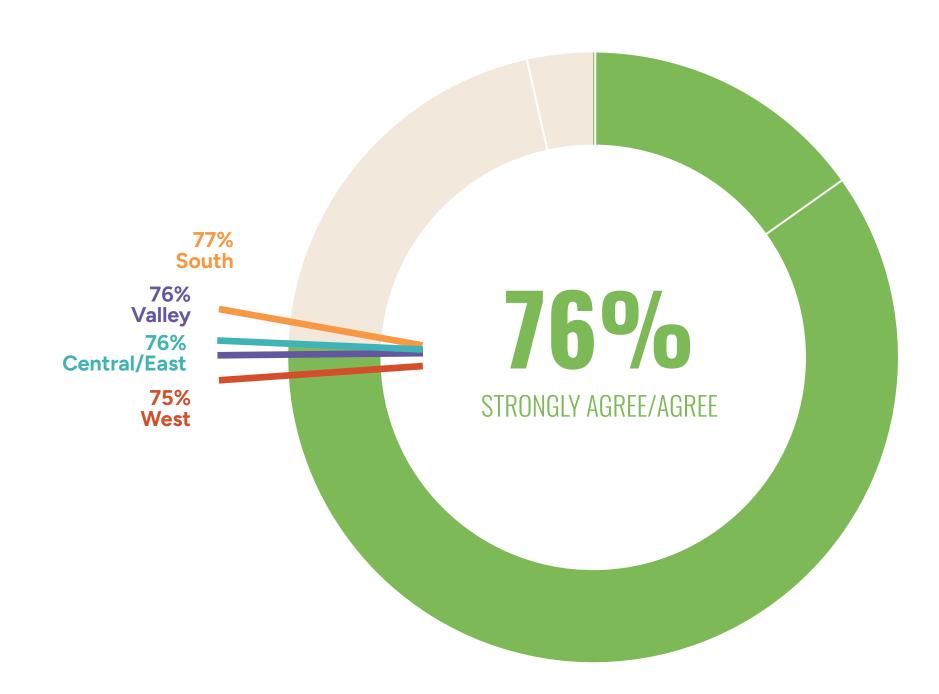
ONLINE

#### **PHASE 1 SURVEY RESPONSES**

TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES

## MORE THAN 3/4 OF RESPONDENTS AGREE THAT RECREATION OR PARK FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE WHEN THEY WANT TO USE THEM.

1,008 Total Respondents

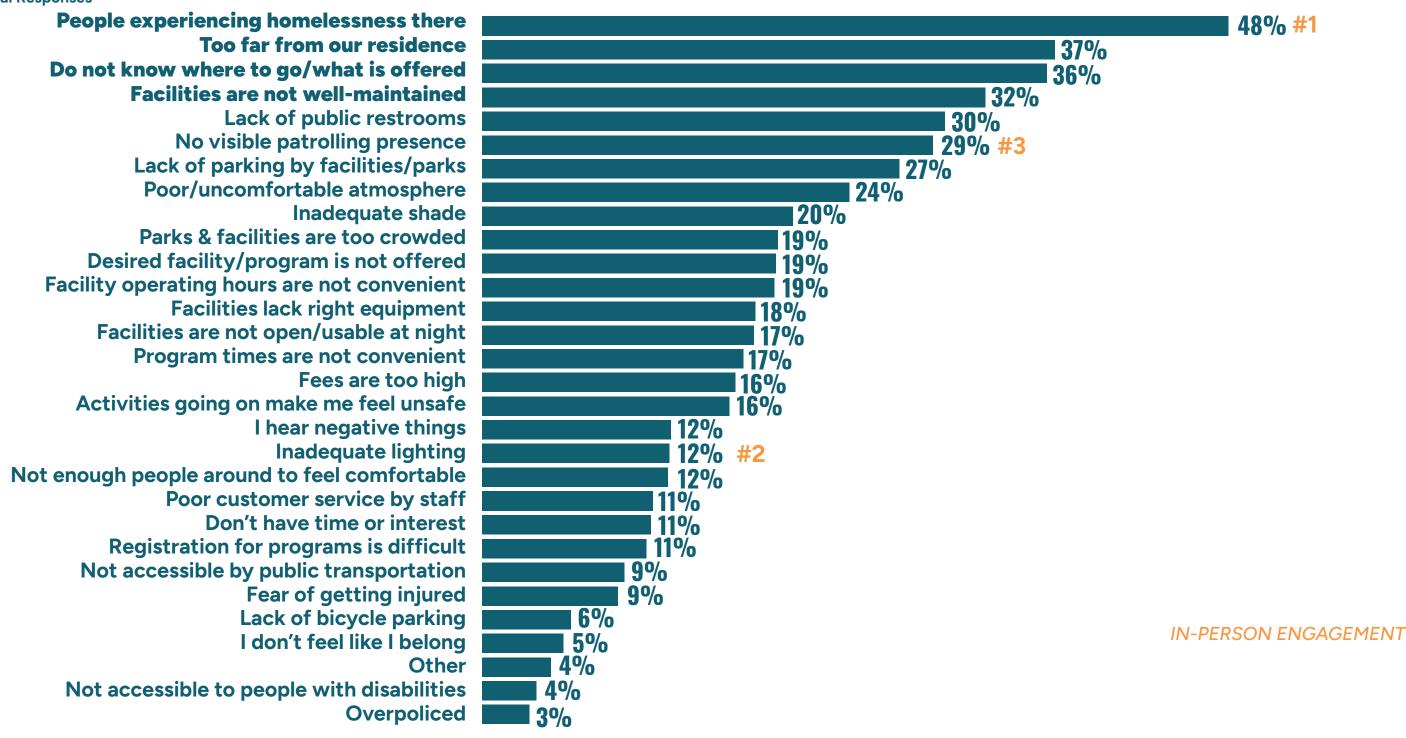


PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: RECREATION OR PARKS FACILITIES ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE WHEN I WANT TO USE THEM.

**TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES** 

### PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS THE MOST COMMON REASON RESPONDENTS DO NOT VISIT.

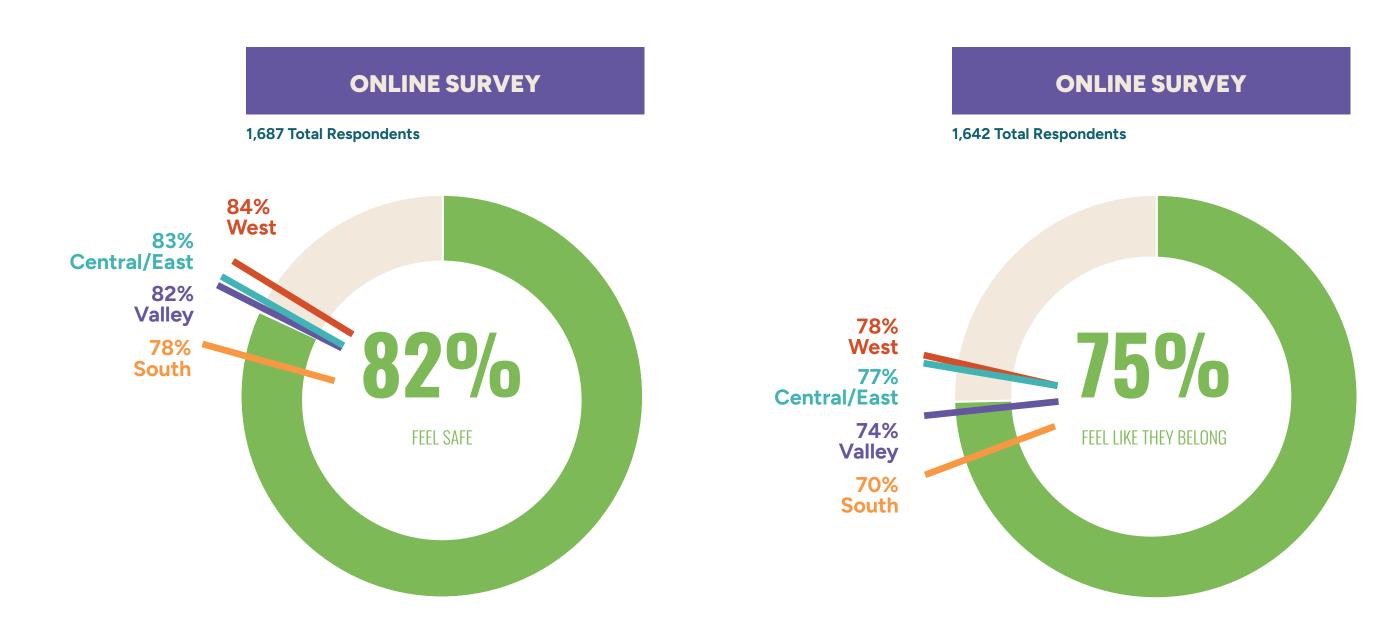
5,330 Total Responses



PLEASE CHECK ALL THE REASONS THAT PREVENT YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD FROM VISITING PARKS AND RECREATION CENTERS MORE OFTEN.

**TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES** 

## MORE THAN 3/4 OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS FEEL SAFE AND/OR FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG IN AT LEAST ONE PARK OR RECREATION FACILITY.

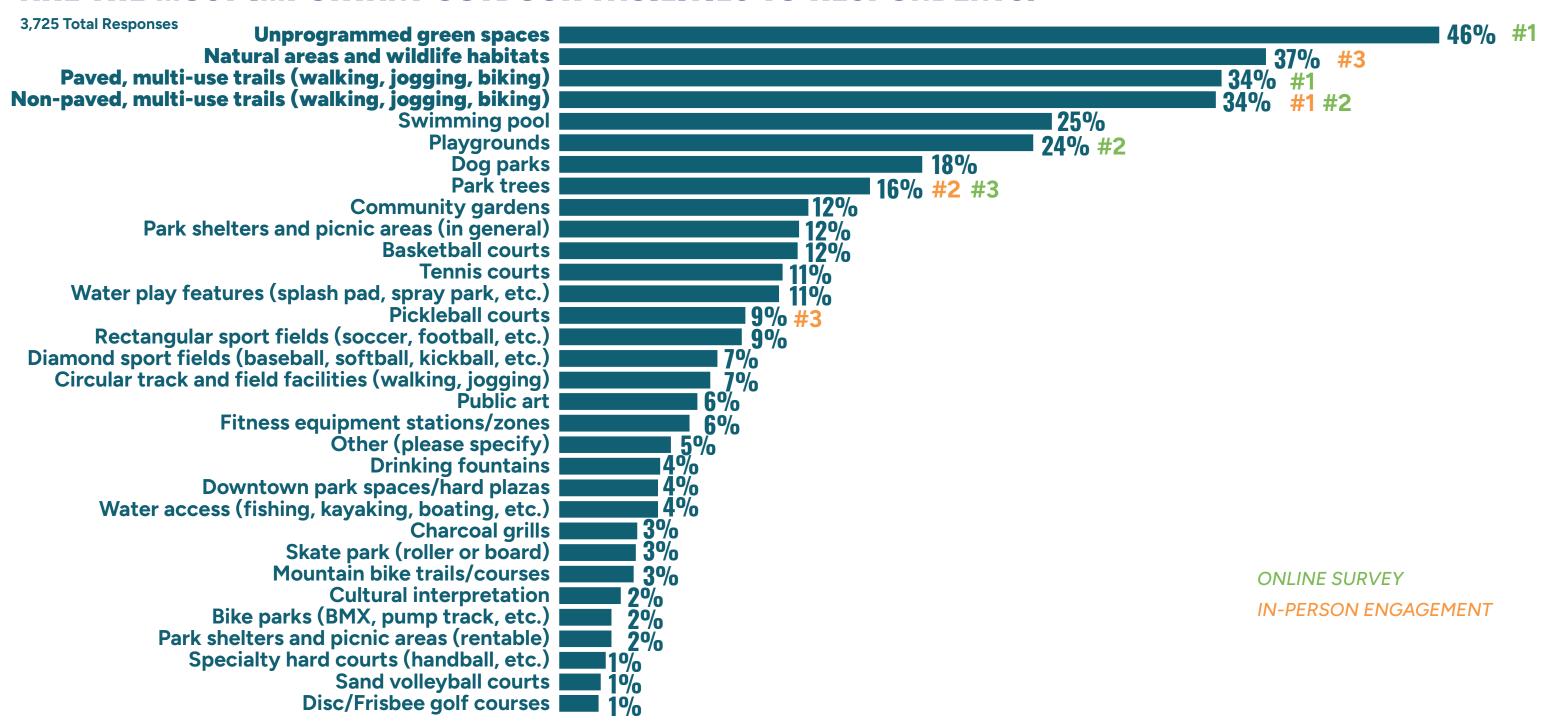


IS THERE AT LEAST ONE PARK OR RECREATION FACILITY IN LOS ANGELES WHERE YOU FEEL SAFE?

IS THERE AT LEAST ONE PARK OR RECREATION FACILITY IN LOS ANGELES WHERE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU BELONG?

TAKEAWAYS: OUTDOOR FACILITIES

## UNPROGRAMMED GREEN SPACES, NATURAL AREAS, AND MULTI-USE TRAILS (PAVED AND NON-PAVED) ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTDOOR FACILITIES TO RESPONDENTS.



WHICH FOUR OF THE OUTDOOR FACILITIES LISTED BELOW ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

TAKEAWAYS: OUTDOOR FACILITIES

## UNPROGRAMMED GREEN SPACES, NATURAL AREAS, AND MULTI-USE TRAILS (PAVED AND NON-PAVED) ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTDOOR FACILITIES TO RESPONDENTS.

3,725 Total Responses

#### STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

#### **VALLEY**

- 1. Unprogrammed green spaces #2
- 2. Natural areas and wildlife habitats
- 3. Non-paved, multi-use trail #4
- 4. Paved, multi-use trails #1

(#3 - Playgrounds)

### CENTRAL/ EAST

- 1. Unprogrammed green spaces #1
- 2. Natural areas and wildlife habitats
- 3. Non-paved, multi-use trail #3
- 4. Paved, multi-use

trails; #2

**Swimming pool** 

(#4 - Park Trees)

#### **WEST**

- 1. Unprogrammed green spaces #2
- 2. Natural areas and wildlife habitats
- 3. Non-paved, multi-use trail #3
- 4. Paved, multi-use trails #1

(#4 - Playgrounds)

#### SOUTH

- 1. Unprogrammed green spaces
- 2. Paved, multi-use trails #1
- 3. Swimming pool #4
- 4. Natural areas and wildlife habitats; Non-paved, multi-use trail; Playgrounds #3

**ONLINE SURVEY** 

WHICH FOUR OF THE OUTDOOR FACILITIES LISTED BELOW ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

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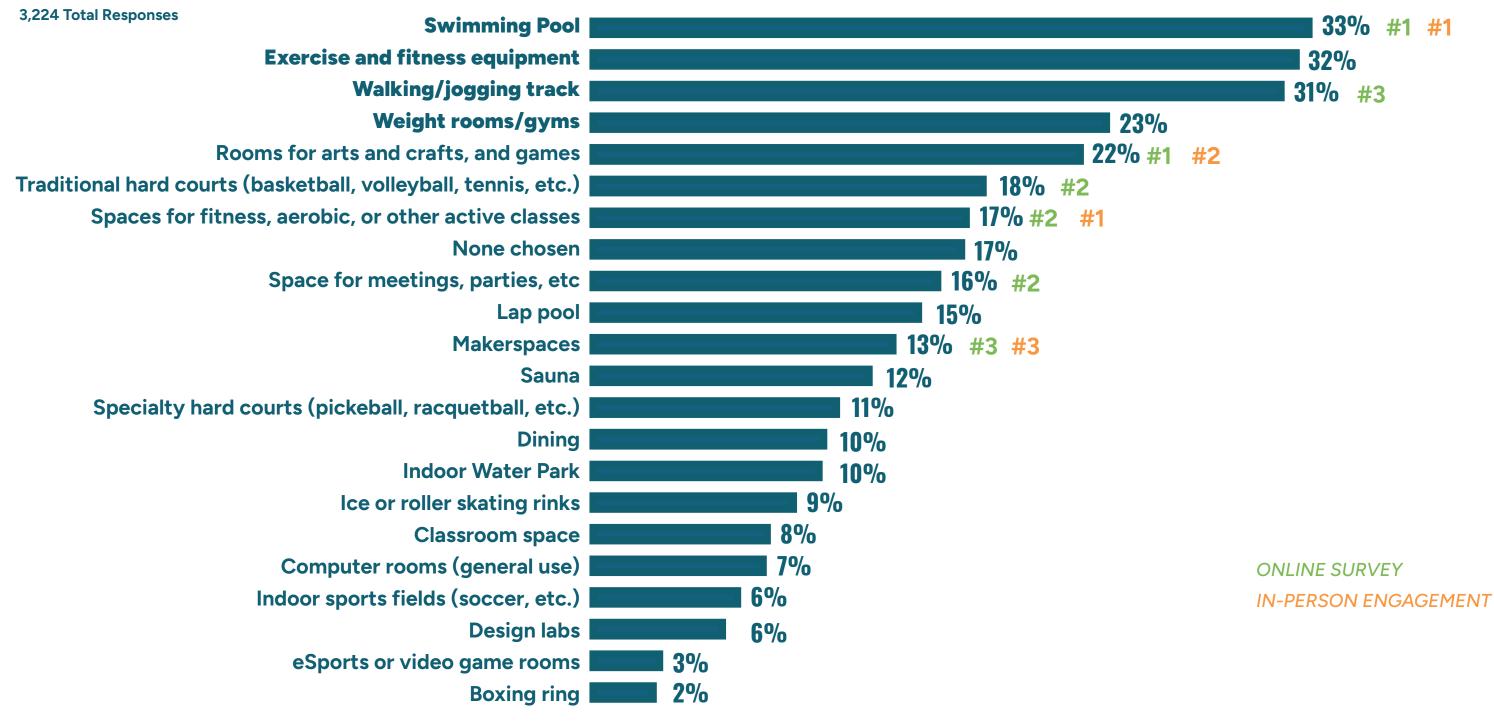
ONLINE

**IN-PERSON** 

#### **PHASE 1 SURVEY RESPONSES**

TAKEAWAYS: INDOOR FACILITIES

## SWIMMING POOLS, EXERCISE AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT, AND WALKING TRACKS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT INDOOR FACILITIES TO RESPONDENTS.



WHICH FOUR OF THE INDOOR FACILITIES LISTED BELOW ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

TAKEAWAYS: INDOOR FACILITIES

### SWIMMING POOLS, EXERCISE AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT, AND WALKING TRACKS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT INDOOR FACILITIES TO RESPONDENTS.

3,224 Total Responses

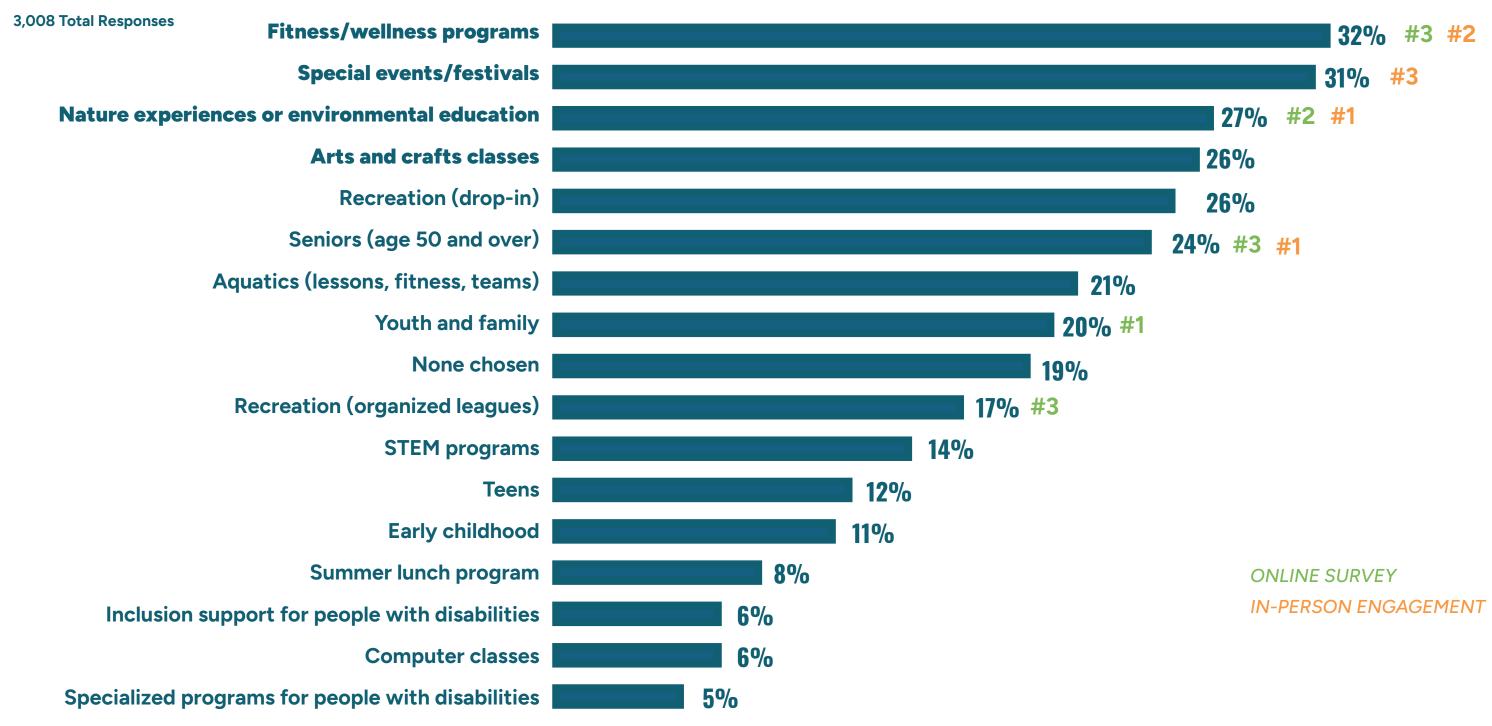
#### STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

#### **VALLEY** CENTRAL/ SOUTH WEST EAST 1. Walking/jogging track 1. Swimming Pool #1 1. Exercise and fitness 1. Swimming Pool #1 2. Exercise and fitness 2. Walking/jogging track equipment 2. Walking/jogging track 3. Exercise and fitness 2. Swimming Pool #1 3. Exercise and fitness equipment #3 3. Swimming Pool #4 3. Weight rooms/gyms equipment #3 equipment #2 4. Weight rooms/gyms; None 4. Walking/jogging track 4. Rooms for arts and crafts. 4. Rooms for arts and crafts, and games #2 chosen and games #3 (#2 - Traditional Hard Courts) (#4 - Spaces for fitness, (#3 - Rooms for Arts and Crafts) (#1 - Rooms for Arts and Crafts) (#4 - Traditional Hard Courts) aerobic, or other active classes) (#2 - Traditional Hard Courts) (#4 - Spaces for fitness, aerobic, or other active classes)

**ONLINE SURVEY** 

TAKEAWAYS: PROGRAMS

### FITNESS, FESTIVALS, NATURE EXPERIENCES, AND ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAMS TO RESPONDENTS.



WHICH FOUR OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

TAKEAWAYS: PROGRAMS

### FITNESS, FESTIVALS, NATURE EXPERIENCES, AND ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAMS TO RESPONDENTS.

3,008 Total Responses

#### STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

# 1. Special ever

- 1. Special events/festivals
- 2. Fitness/wellness programs #4
- 3. Seniors (age 50 and over) #3
- 4. Arts and crafts classes
- (#1 Youth and family)
- (#2 Recreation (organized leagues)

#### CENTRAL/ EAST

- 1. Special events/festivals #3
- 2. Arts and crafts classes
- 3. Fitness/wellness programs
- 4. Nature experiences or environmental education #1
- (#2 Youth and family)
- (#3 Recreation (organized leagues)

#### WEST

- 1. Special events/
- festivals:
- Fitness/wellness
- programs #4
- 3. Nature experiences or environmental education
- 4. Recreation (drop-in) #1
- (#2 Youth and family)
- (#3 Recreation (organized leagues)

#### SOUTH

- 1. Fitness/wellness programs #4
- 2. Special events/festivals
- 3. Nature experiences or
- environmental education; #3
- Recreation (drop-in);
- (#1 Youth and family)

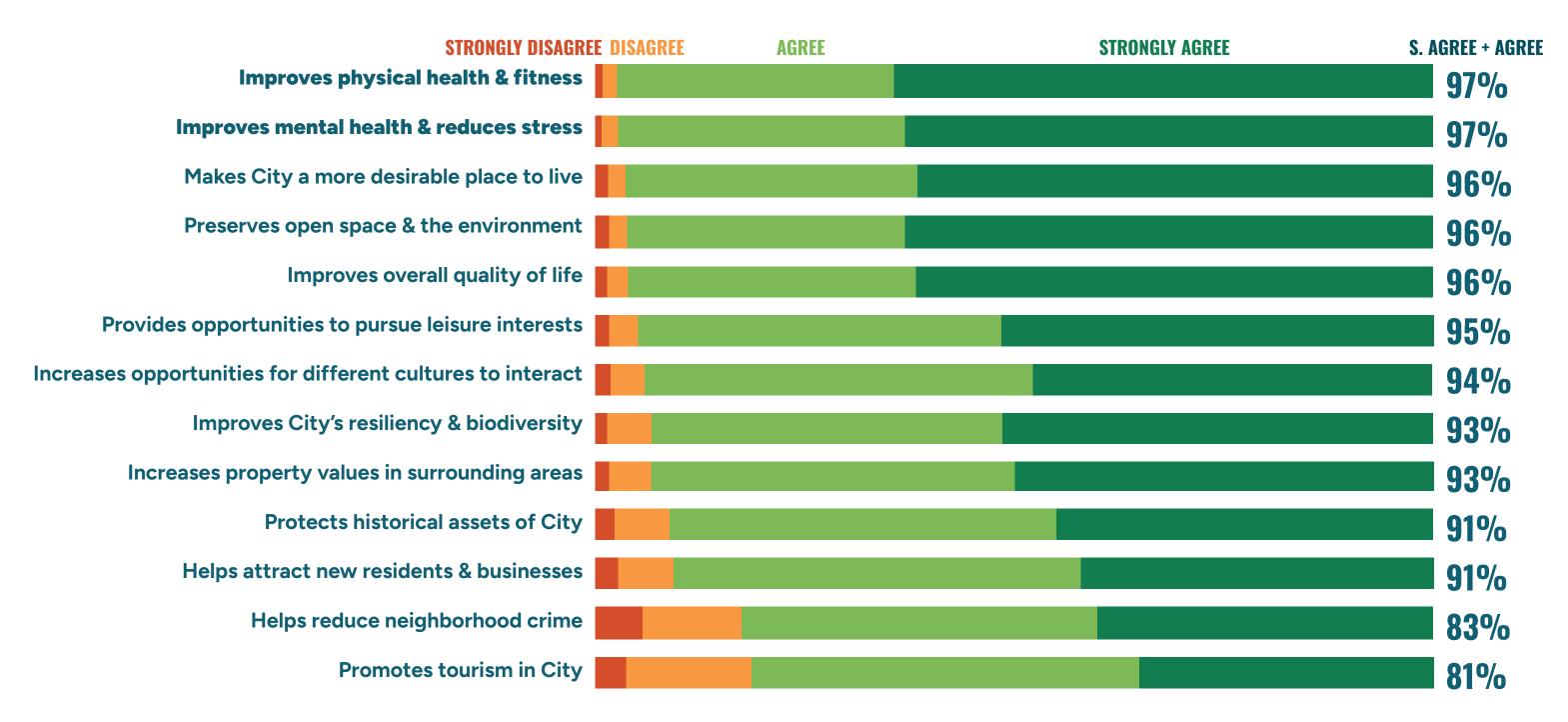
Arts and crafts classes

(#2 - Seniors (age 50 and over)

ONLINE SURVEY

**TAKEAWAYS: QUICK TAKES** 

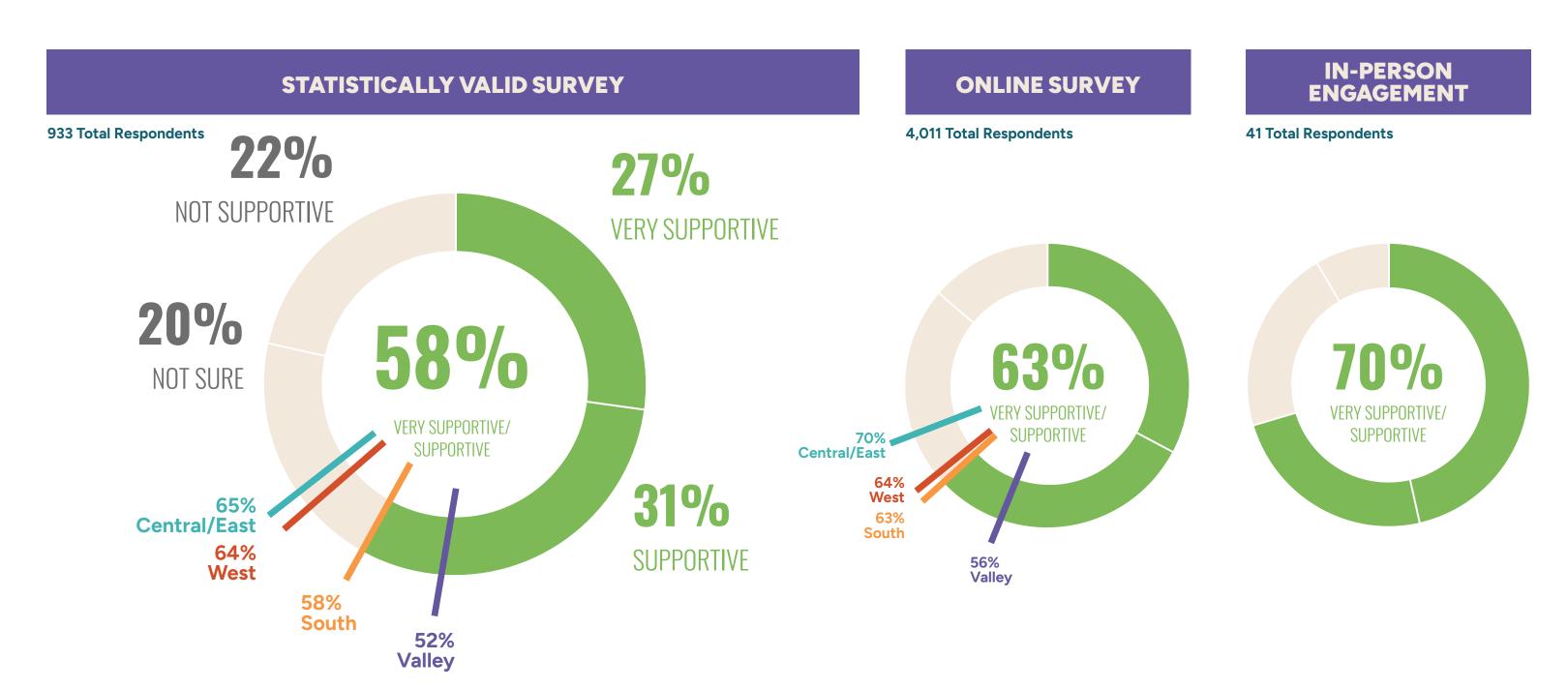
## MOST RESPONDENTS AGREE THAT PARKS, TRAILS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF BENEFITS.



THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME BENEFITS PARKS, TRAILS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS PROVIDE. FOR EACH BENEFIT, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT.

TAKEAWAYS: FUNDING

### MORE THAN HALF OF RESPONDENTS ARE SUPPORTIVE OF A BOND, TAX, OR LEVY TO FUND PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.



HOW SUPPORTIVE ARE YOU OF A BOND OR SOME INCREASE IN TAXES OR LEVIES TO FUND THE TYPES OF PARKS AND RECREATION CENTERS THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

### DESCRIBE LOS ANGELES PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN THREE WORDS



"SENIOR
FITNESS,
COMMUNITY
ADVISORY
BOARDS FOR
EACH FACILITY."

"MORE SHADED
PLAYGROUNDS.
ORGANIZED
RECREATIONAL
PROGRAMS FOR
YOUNGER CHILDREN
(18MONTHS - 3 YEARS)"

ADULT SPORT LEAGUES

"PROGRAMS OF NETWORKING AND COMMUNITY GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER EVENT"

"MORE NATURE AREAS
WITH TREES AND TRAILS
INSTEAD OF JUST CUT
GRASS"

"MORE
INTERGENERATIONAL
PROGRAMMING +
MORE TREES TO
ENCOURAGE PRIVATE
RELAXATION MEDITATION GARDEN"

"URBAN GARDENS
TO ADDRESS LOCAL
FOOD ACCESS"

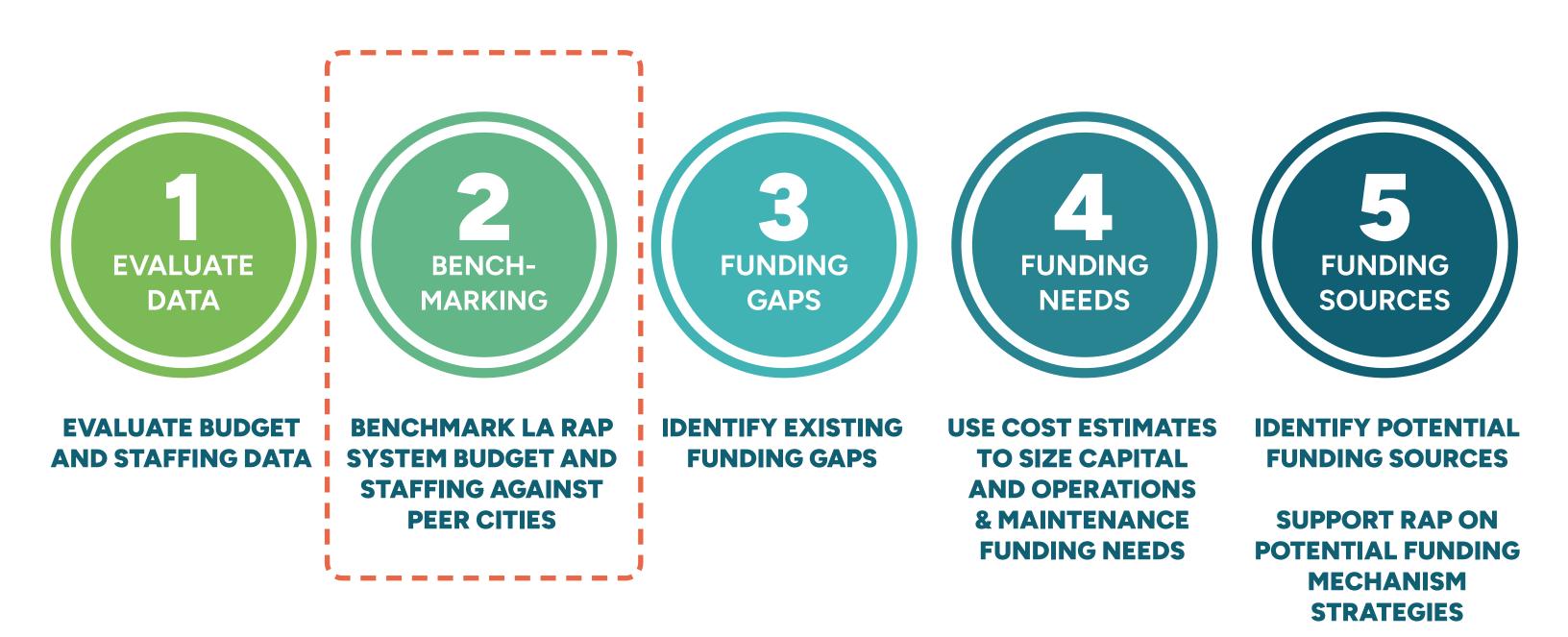
### PARK ECONOMICS

Understanding a baseline from the last **25 years** provides a framework to project forward.



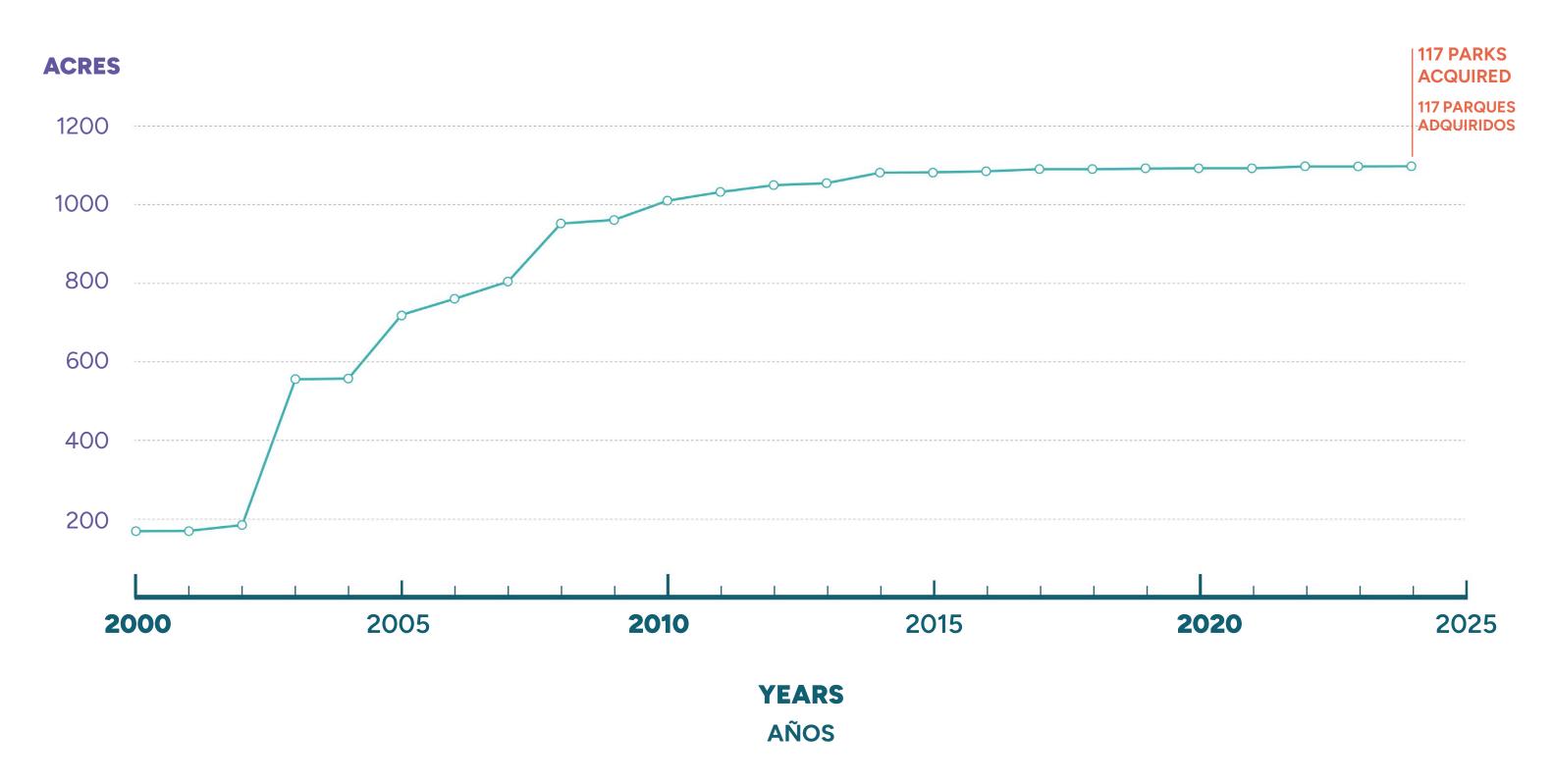
#### **ECONOMICS PROCESS**

THE PNA IS CONSIDERING HOW VARIOUS COSTS TIE TO THE OVERALL ECONOMICS OF LA PARKS.



### **SETTING A BASELINE**

### PARK ACQUISITIONS 2000 - 2025 (ACRES)



# LA Park Needs Assessment SETTING A BASELINE FUNDING SOURCES

#### **CURRENT FUNDING SOURCES**

**CITY OF LA BUDGET** 

PROPOSITION K (CITY OF LA, PASSED 1996, EXPIRES 2026)

**MEASURE A** (LA COUNTY, PASSED 2016)

**STATE FUNDING** 

**FEDERAL FUNDING** 

**QUIMBY/PARK FEES** 

OTHER AGENCY FUNDING

**PHILANTHROPY** 

**PLAYLA (EXPIRES 2028)** 

FUNDING SOURCES IN 2028 & BEYOND WITHOUT NEW FUNDING MECHANISM

#### **CITY OF LA BUDGET**

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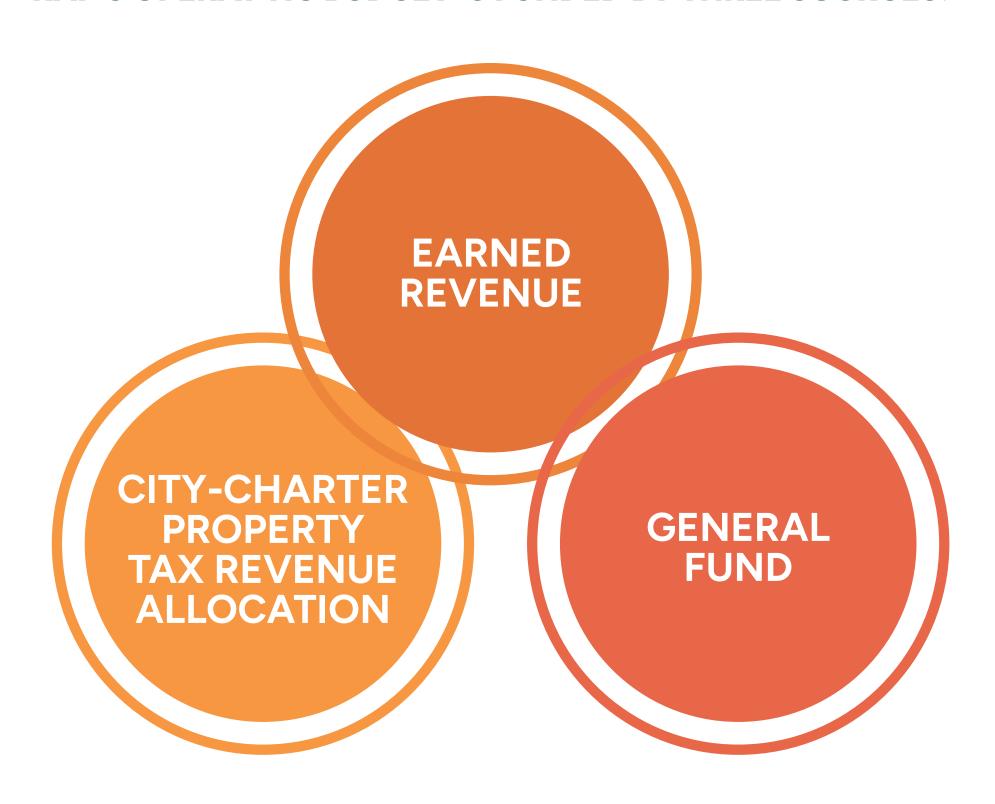
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### SETTING A BASELINE | ESTABLECER UNA LÍNEA DE BASE

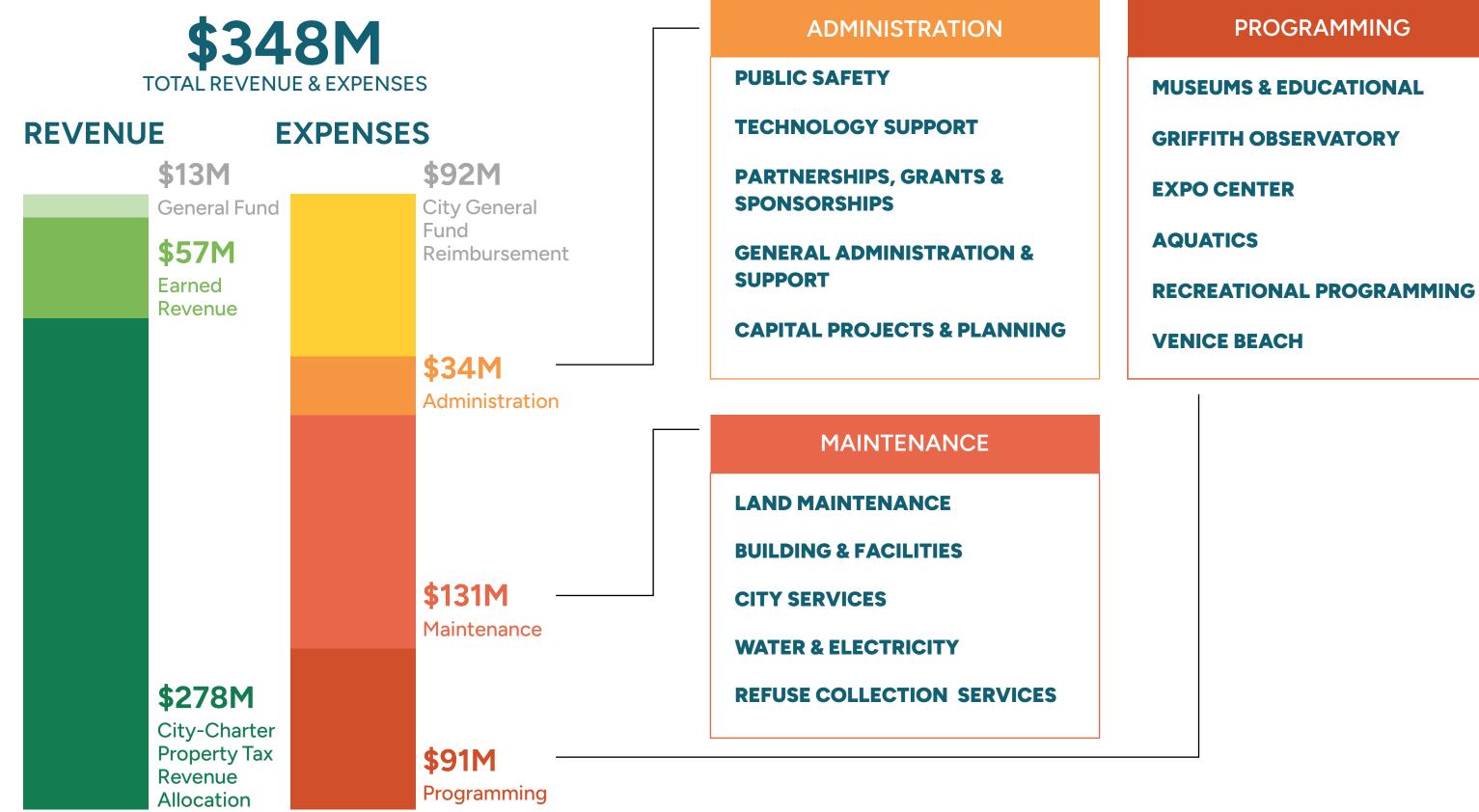
**OPERATING BUDGET** 

#### RAP'S OPERATING BUDGET IS FUNDED BY THREE SOURCES:



### SETTING A BASELINE | ESTABLECER UNA LÍNEA DE BASE

### **OPERATING BUDGET OVERVIEW FY 2025**

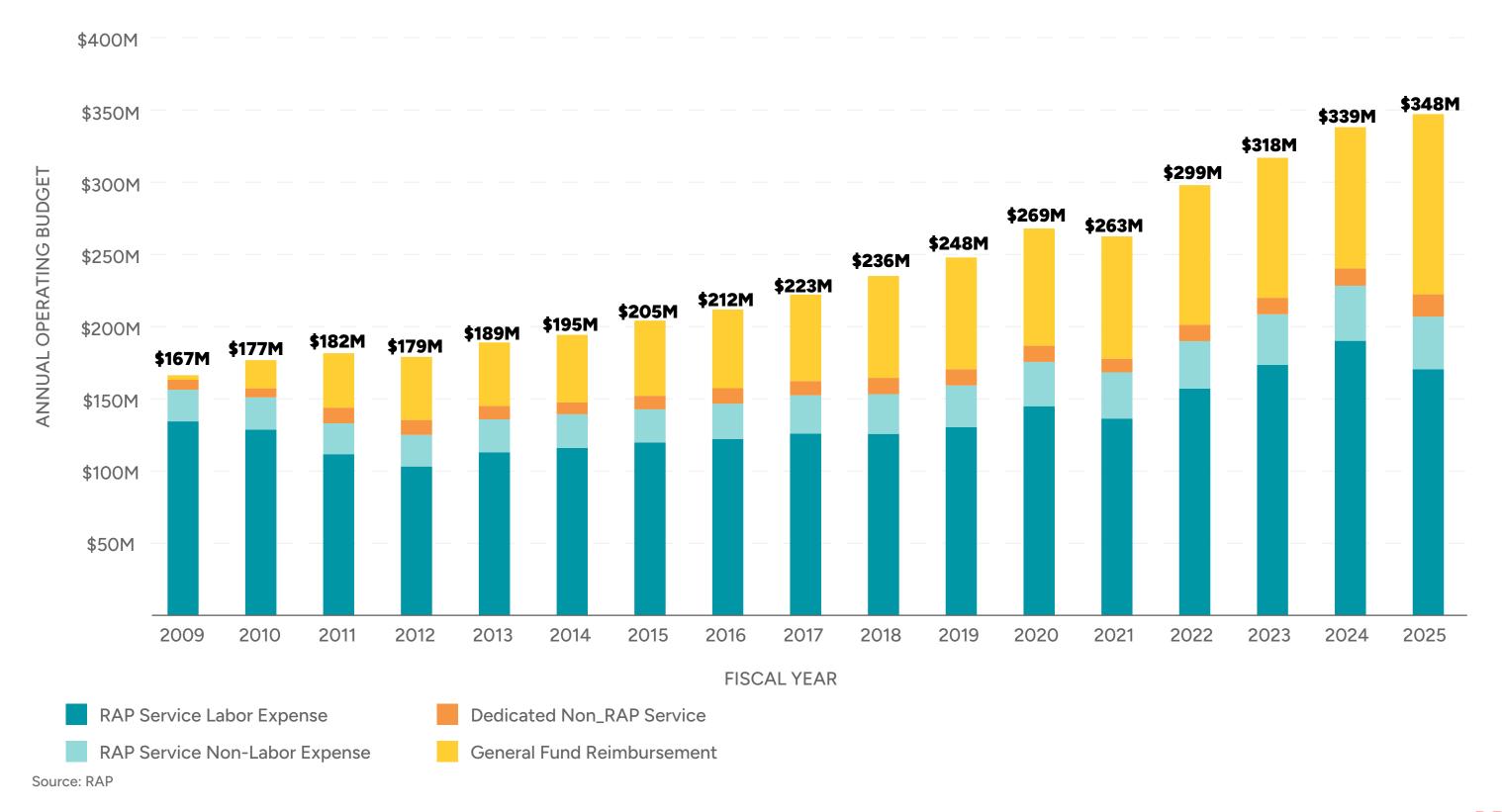


Source: RAP, RAP interviews. In addition to General Fund reimbursements for staff benefits, RAP reimburses the City for utilities (\$30M) and trash services (\$3M) (captured in Maintenance).

**PROGRAMMING** 

#### RAP OPERATING BUDGET OVER TIME

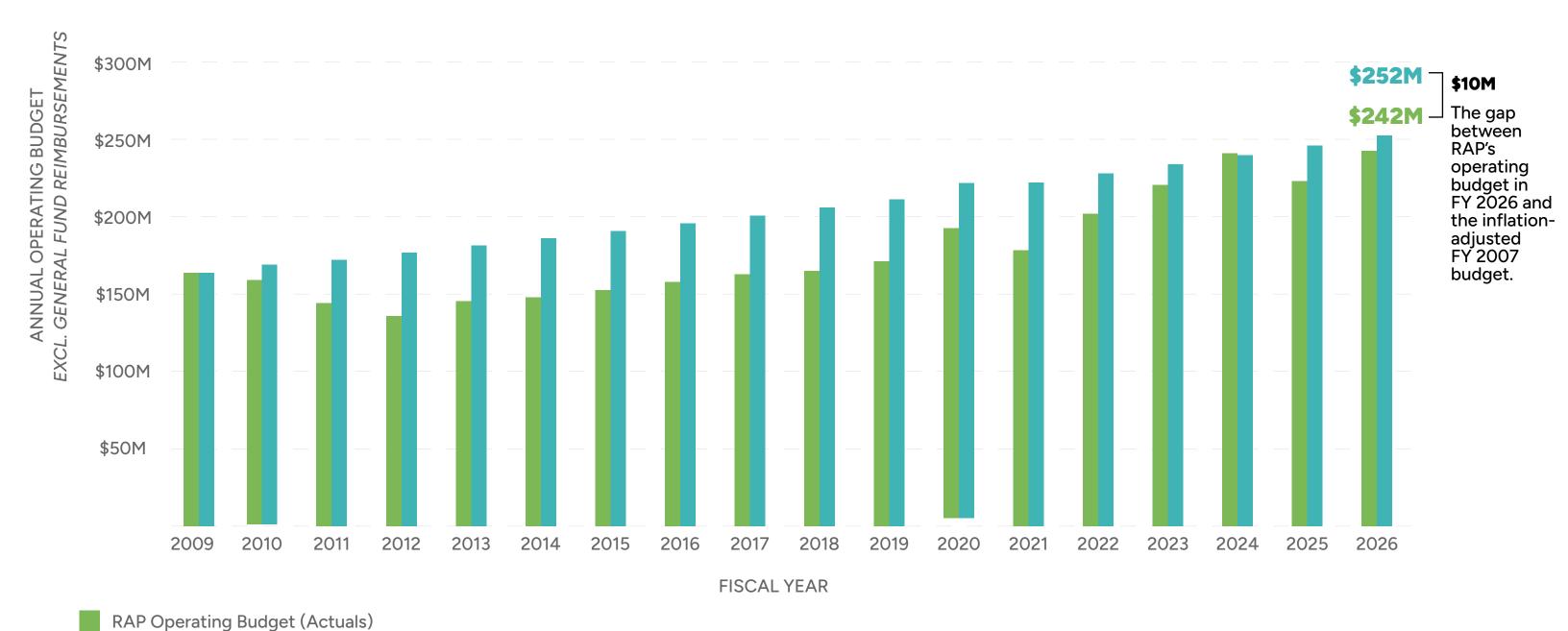
RAP'S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET HAS INCREASED FROM \$167M IN FY 2009 TO \$348M IN FY 2025. MOST OF THE INCREMENTAL INCREASE IS ALLOCATED TO GENERAL FUND REIMBURSEMENTS.



#### RAP OPERATING BUDGET OVER TIME

RAP Operating Budget (Adjusted for Inflation)

REMOVING THE GENERAL FUND REIMBURSEMENT, RAP'S OPERATING BUDGET HAS NOT KEPT UP WITH INFLATION, GROWING BY S78M FROM FY 2009 TO FY 2026 WITHOUT ADJUSTING FOR INFLATION.

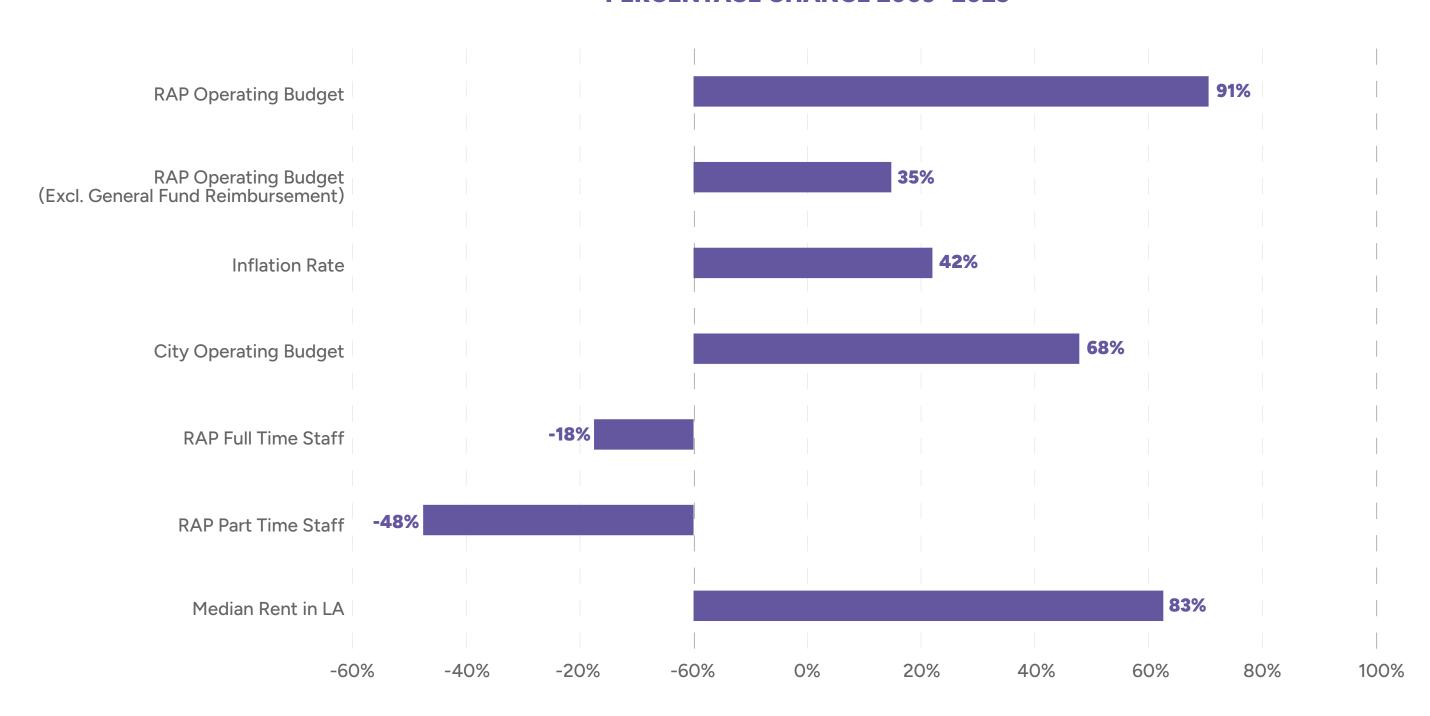


Source: RAP, Mayor's Budget FY 2026. RAP Operating Expenses include RAP Service Labor Expense and RAP Service Non-Labor Expense. RAP Operating Expenses do not include General Fund Reimbursements.

#### RAP OPERATING BUDGET OVER TIME

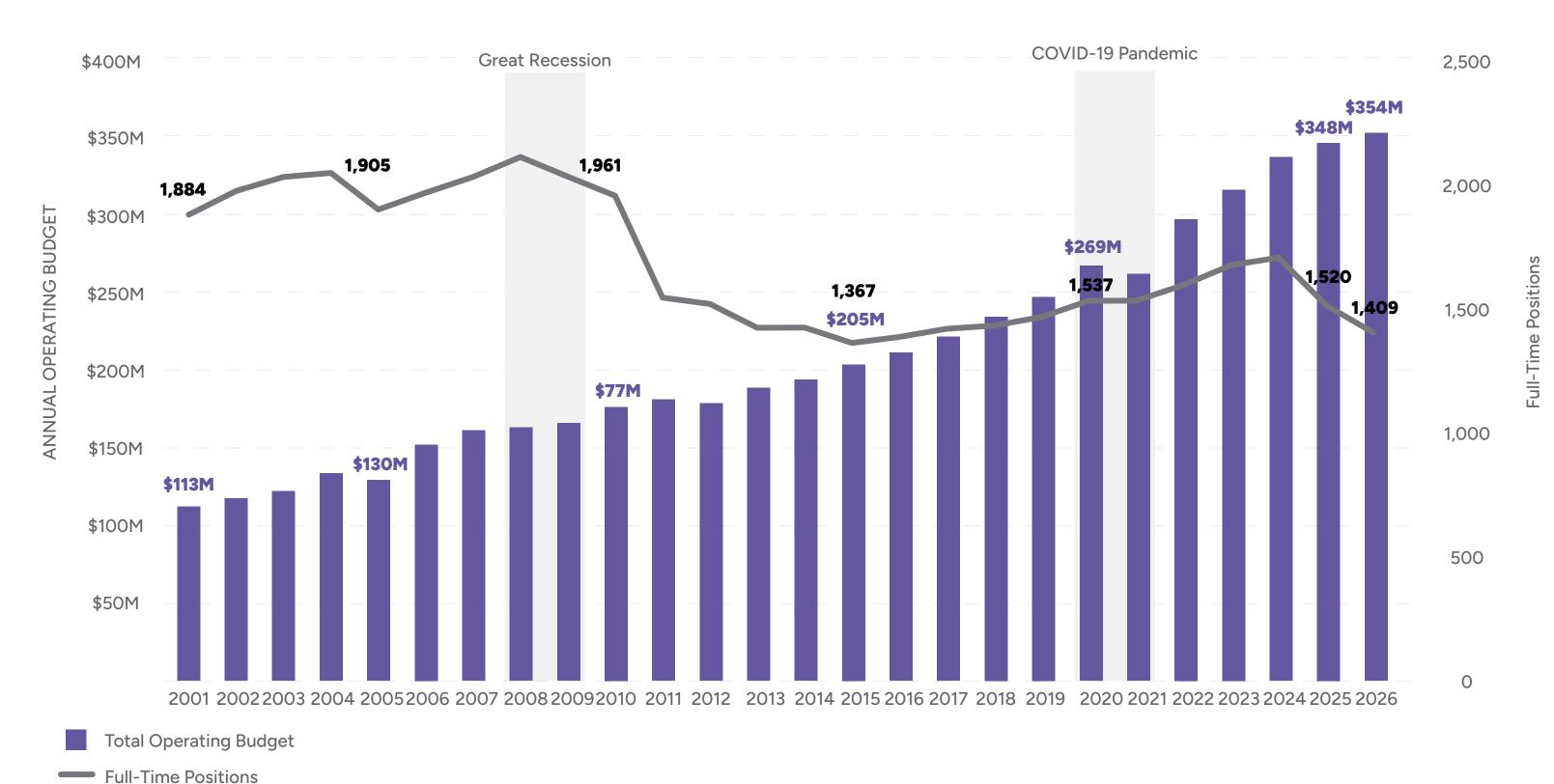
SETTING ASIDE GENERAL FUND REIMBURSEMENTS, BETWEEN 2009 AND 2023, RAP'S OPERATING BUDGET HAS INCREASED BY 35% WITHOUT ADJUSTING FOR INFLATION, LAGGING CHANGES TO THE CITY OPERATING BUDGET AND MEDIAN RENT IN LA

#### **PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2009 -2023**



#### RAP STAFFING OVER TIME

RAP HAS NOT RECOVERED FROM STAFFING CUTS DURING THE GREAT RECESSION, DURING WHICH 30-40% OF POSITIONS WERE ELIMINATED AND NOT RESTORED. THE FY 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET ELIMINATES 163 POSITIONS FROM FY 2025.

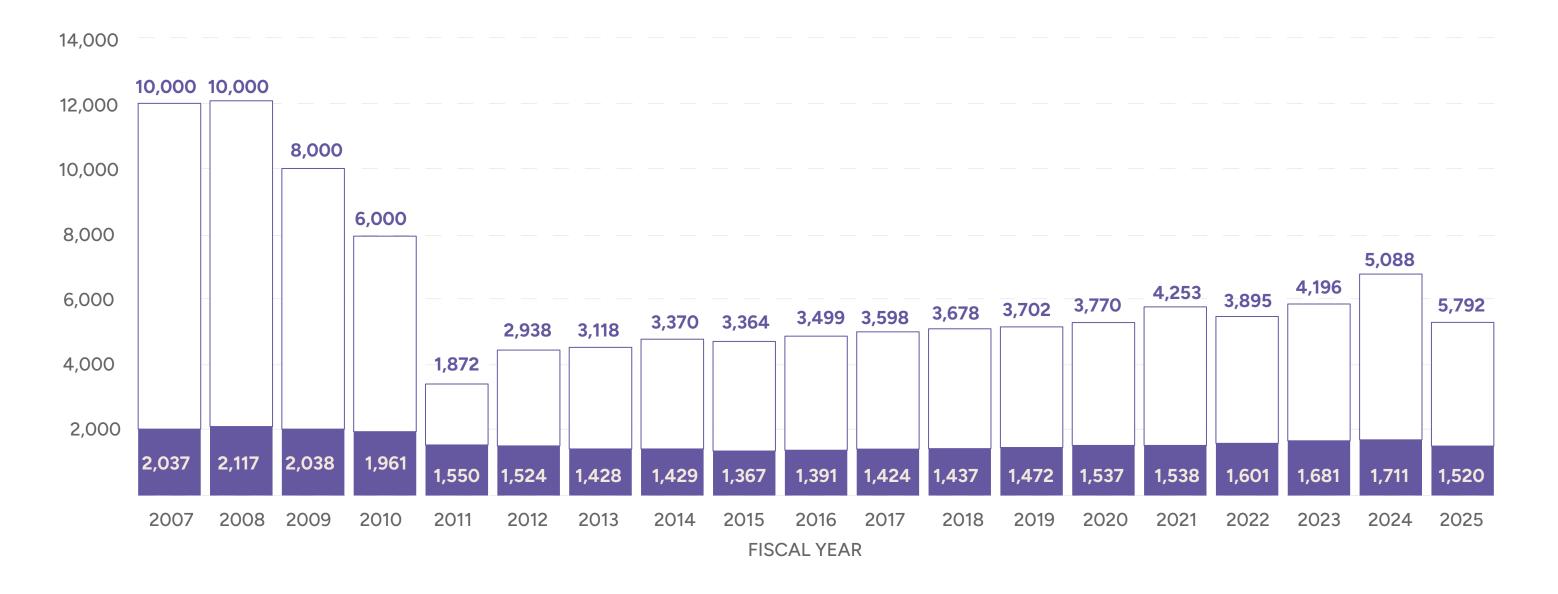


Source: RAP

#### **RAP RELIANCE ON PART-TIME STAFF**

RAP IS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY. AS FULL-TIME STAFF HAS DECREASED, RAP HAS INCREASINGLY RELIED ON PART-TIME STAFF TO TAKE ON GREATER RESPONSIBILITES.

#### **FULL AND PART-TIME STAFF POSITIONS AUTHORIZED OVER TIME**



Full-Time Positions Authorized

Part-Time Positions Authorized

Note: Part-time employees do not equate full-time employees, but total number of part-time employees. This chart does not include staff funded by administrative allocations from specials funds such as Quimby. Source: RAP.

#### **RAP STAFF WAGES OVER TIME**

RAP'S PART-SALARY BUDGET INCREASED BY 56% BETWEEN FY 2008 AND FY 2026. HOWEVER, HOURLY WAGES FOR PART-TIME POSITIONS HAVE INCREASED BY 64 - 89% OVER THE SAME PERIOD, RESULTING IN FEWER PART-TIME STAFF HOURS ANNUALLY.



Source: RAP, Mayor's Budget FY 2026. Three representative part-time positions were selected by RAP. 77% is an average of the increase in all three positions from FY 2008 to FY 2026. FY 2026 part-time salaries are projections based on MOU and/or COLA adjustments, excluding bonuses.

#### **RAP STAFF WAGES OVER TIME**

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE WAGES ALSO GREW OVER THE SAME PERIOD, INCREASING BY 40 - 42% FOR SELECT POSITIONS BETWEEN FY 2009 AND FY 2026. HOWEVER, THE BUDGET FOR FULL-TIME SALARIES ONLY GREW BY 12% OVER THAT SAME PERIOD.



| Full-Time S                     | Salary Budget - | Recreation<br>Coordinator | Garden Caretaker |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| FY 2008 Annual Salary           | \$106M          | \$51,730                  | \$40,991         |
| FY 2026 Annual Salary           | \$118M          | \$71,798                  | \$60,661         |
| Percentage Change (FY08 - FY26) | 12%             | 42%                       | 40%              |

Source: RAP, Mayor's Budget FY 2026. Two representative full-time positions were selected by RAP. 41% is an average of the increase in both positions from FY 2008 - FY 2026.

#### PEER SYSTEM BENCHMARKING

THE CONSULTANT TEAM COMPARED RAP'S BUDGET, STAFFING, AND ACREAGE WITH OTHER PARK SYSTEMS TO IDENTIFY GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT.

| City              | Category     | Population | Annual<br>Budget | % of City<br>Budget | Acreage | Full-Time<br>Staff per<br>Acre |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Los Angeles, CA   |              | 4M         | \$355M           | 3%                  | 16K     | 0.10                           |
| San Francisco, CA | Regional     | 1M         | \$496M           | 4%                  | 4K      | 0.49                           |
| San Diego, CA     | Regional     | 1M         | \$215M           | 4%                  | 42K     | 0.02                           |
| Chicago, IL       | Comparable   | 3M         | \$493M           | 4%                  | 9K      | 0.36                           |
| New York, NY      | Comparable   | 9M         | \$1B             | 1%                  | 30K     | 0.16                           |
| Dallas, TX        | Comparable   | 1M         | \$301M           | 7%                  | 21K     | 0.07                           |
| Washington, D.C.  | Aspirational | 700K       | \$274M           | 1%                  | 9K      | 0.10                           |

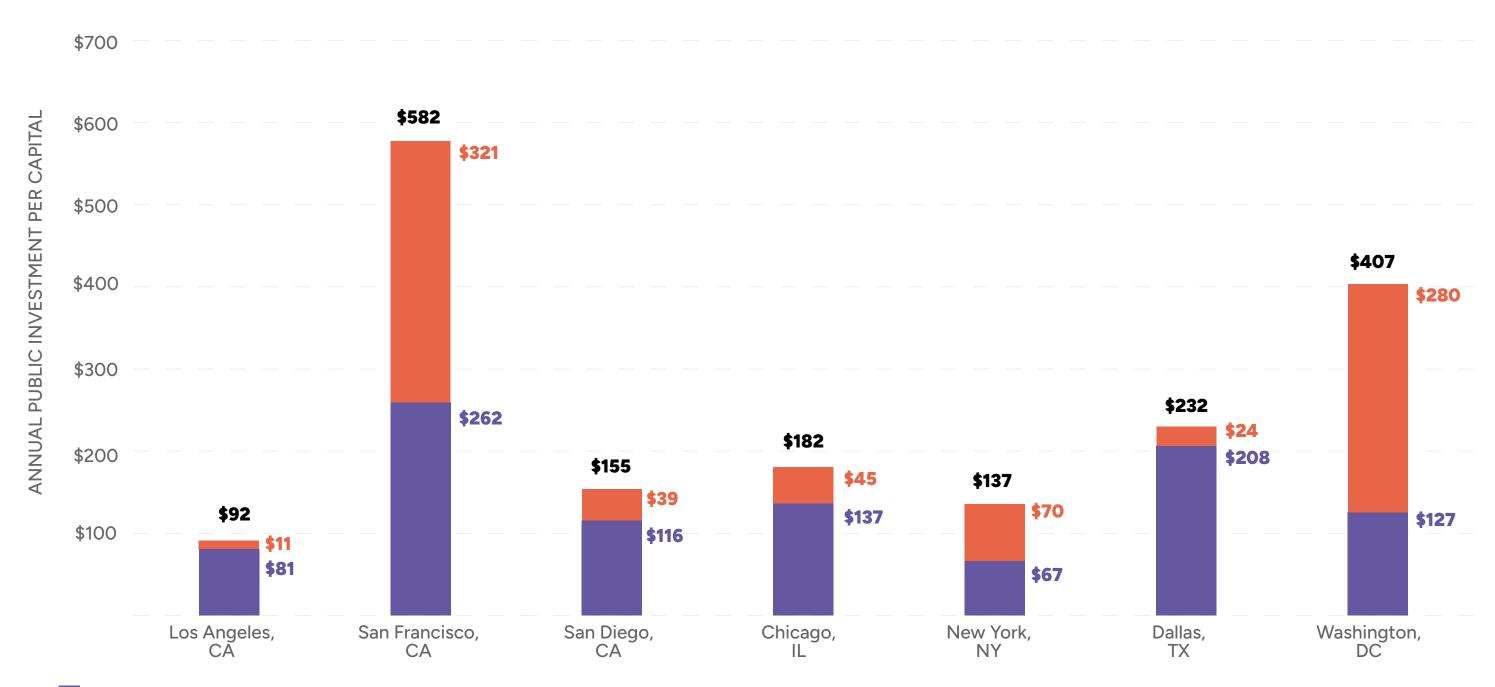
Source: RAP, ACS (2023), TPL (2023), Respective City Budgets. O&M Values are from actual City budgets from FY 2023. Capital Amounts are from TPL City Park Facts (2023). Both values are totaled to get the "Annual Budget" value. Full-time staff do not include part-time or seasonal equivalents.



#### PEER SYSTEM BENCHMARKING

#### PER CAPITA PUBLIC INVESTMENT

LA'S PER-CAPITA INVESTMENT IS LOWER THAN ALL OTHER BENCHMARKED CITIES.



O&M Investment Per Capita

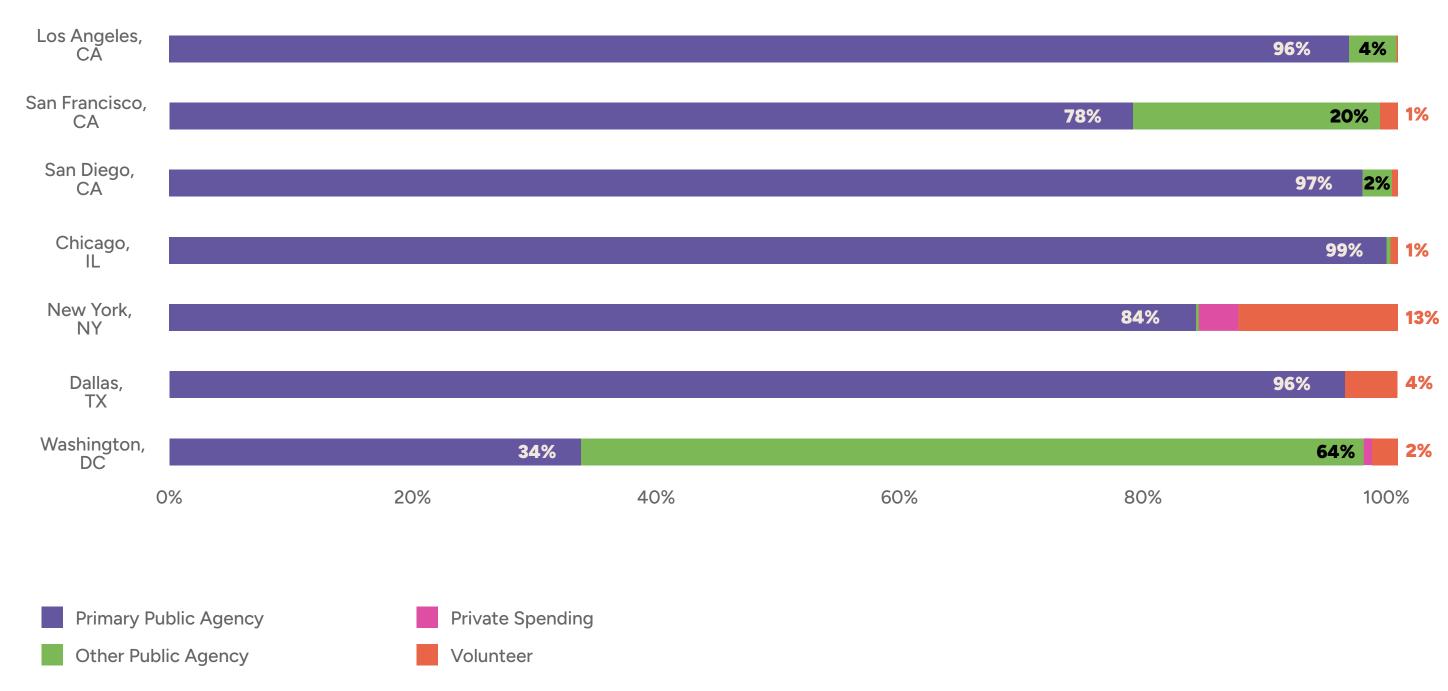
Capital Investment Per Capita

Source: RAP, ACS (2023). O&M values are from actual City FY 2023 budgets. Capital amounts are from TPL City Park Facts (2023).

#### PEER SYSTEM BENCHMARKING

#### PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT

COMPARED TO LA, MOST OF THE PEER SYSTEMS BENEFIT FROM SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING FROM OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES OR PRIVATE SOURCES BASED ON PARK SYSTEM REPORTING TO THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND.



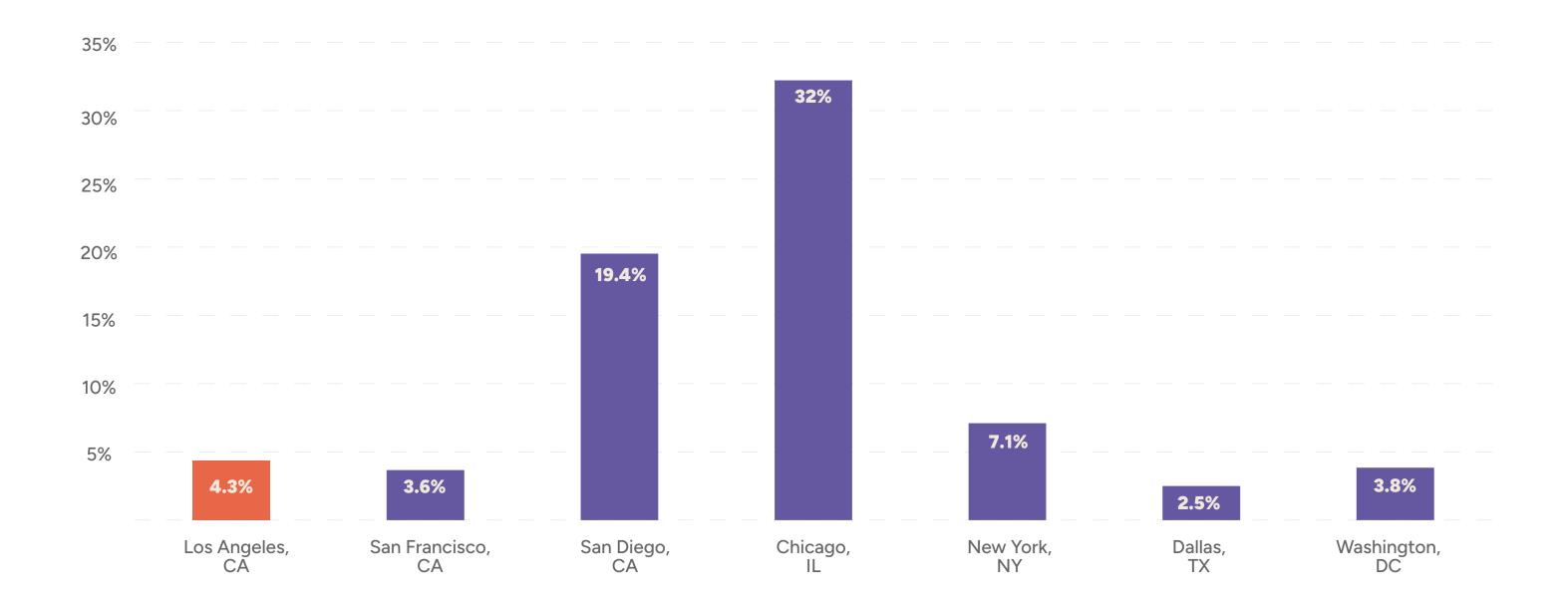
Note: Dallas's proportion of private spending should be greater than what is pictured as philanthropic dollars for Downtown Dallas, Inc were not caputed in the TPL data. Source: TPL City Park Facts (2023).

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#### PEER SYSTEM BENCHMARKING

#### **CONTRACTING**

THE SHARE OF LA RAP'S BUDGET TOWARD CONTRACTS IS MORE THAN DALLAS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND WASHINGTON D.C. THESE CITIES CONTRACT SERVICES FOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE, FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, AND TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING NEEDS SUCH AS HIRING INSTRUCTORS.



Note: All contracting amounts are pulled from FY 2023 budget except for Dallas (FY 2024). San Francisco's total contracting amount was calculated by adding up total contract amounts from January 2023 to December 2023 for the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department through the Data SF portal.





#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 2000 - 2024**

#### FUNDING AMOUNTS AND EXAMPLES OF CIP PROJECTS



#### <\$100,000

- Wabash RC ADA ramp
- Encino Women's Club roof/ HVAC work
- Bandini Canyon trail
- David Gonzales RC gym floor improvements
- Pool drain replacements
- Ferraro soccer fields field lights

#### \$100,000 - \$1 MILLION

- Beverly pocket park
- Lincoln Heights Senior Center restroom restoration
- Tierra de la Culebra acquisition
- Algin Sutton pool replacement
- Castle Peak Park playground replacement

#### \$1 MILLION - \$10 MILLION

- Venice Beach pier refurbishment
- Encino Park building & outdoor improvements
- Woodland Hills RC ball field improvements
- Algin Sutton RC swimming pool
- Alpine RC expansion
- San Pedro High School sports field

#### > \$10 MILLION

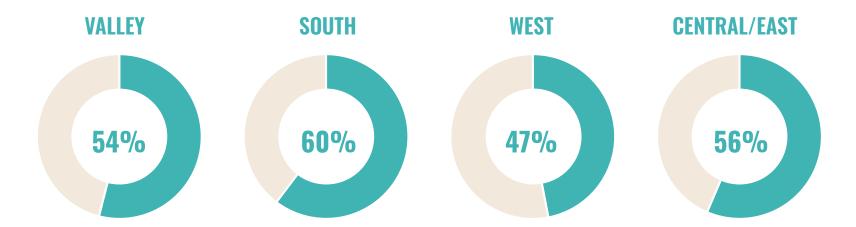
- Griffith Observatory phase

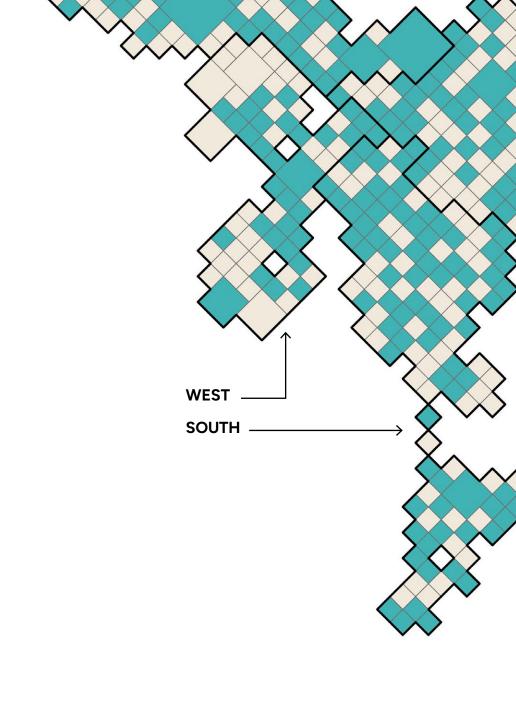
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- Rancho Cienega RC fitness annex
- Potrero Canyon Park grading

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: FUNDING BY PARK 2000 - 2024**

MORE THAN HALF OF PARKS HAVE RECEIVED SOME FORM OF CAPITAL FUNDING

BETWEEN GRANTS, QUIMBY, AND PROP-K.





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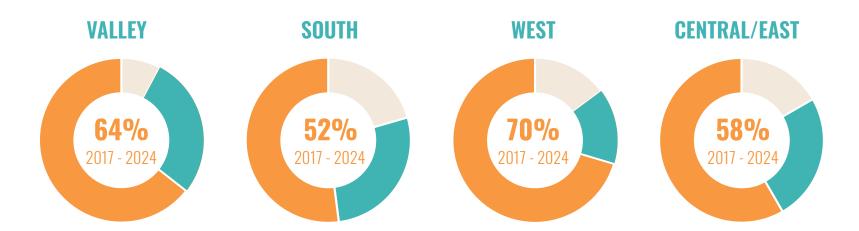
Source: RAP

VALLEY

**CENTRAL/EAST** 

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: MOST RECENT INVESTMENTS**

THE WEST AND VALLEY HAVE HAD MORE PARKS RECENTLY INVESTED IN THAN THE SOUTH AND CENTRAL/EAST.





2000 - 2008

2009 - 2016

2017 - 2024

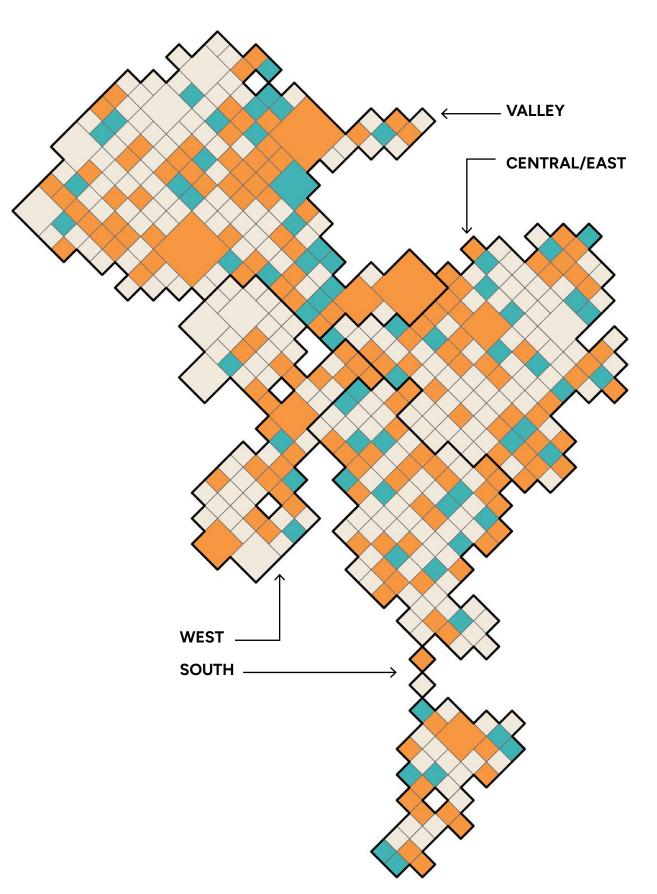
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LAST CAPITAL INVESTMENT: 2000 OR EARLIER

LAST CAPITAL INVESTMENT: 2024

Source: RAP



If we do nothing to address park access, by 2050

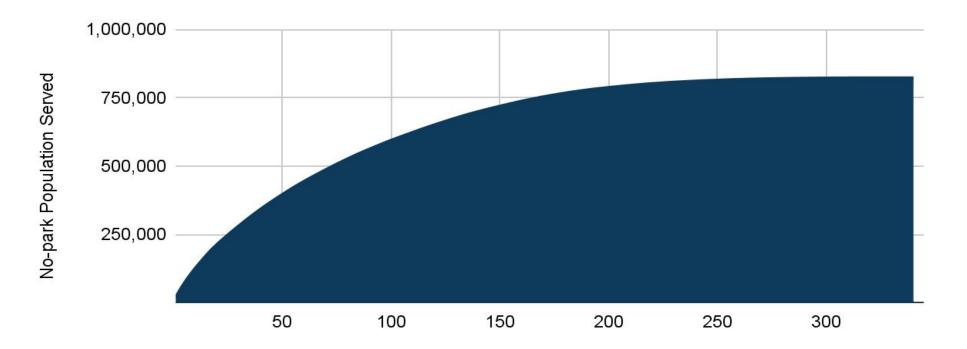
117,000 more people will live without a park nearby.

PerSquareMile is a **utilitarian tool**.

It enables us to identify locations where creating a new park would produce the greatest good for the greatest number of people most efficiently.

### People without a park within a half-mile

| Scenario | Reduction Target | People Served | <b>Grid Count</b> |
|----------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1        | 10%              | 86,437        | 7                 |
| 2        | 25%              | 216,092       | 21                |
| 3        | 50%              | 432,185       | 58                |
| 4        | 75%              | 648,277       | 119               |
| 5        | 100%             | 864,370       | 346               |



#### SITE-BASED EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

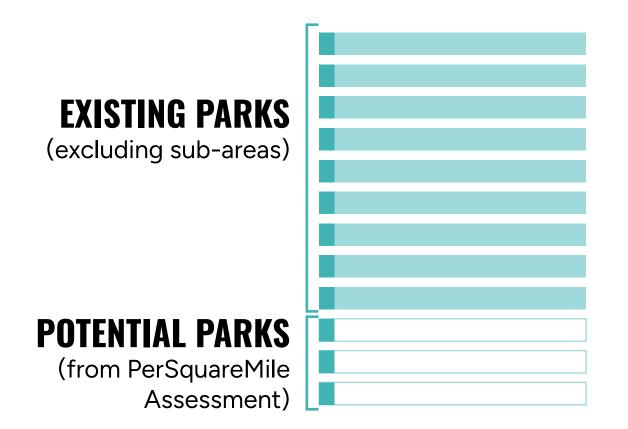


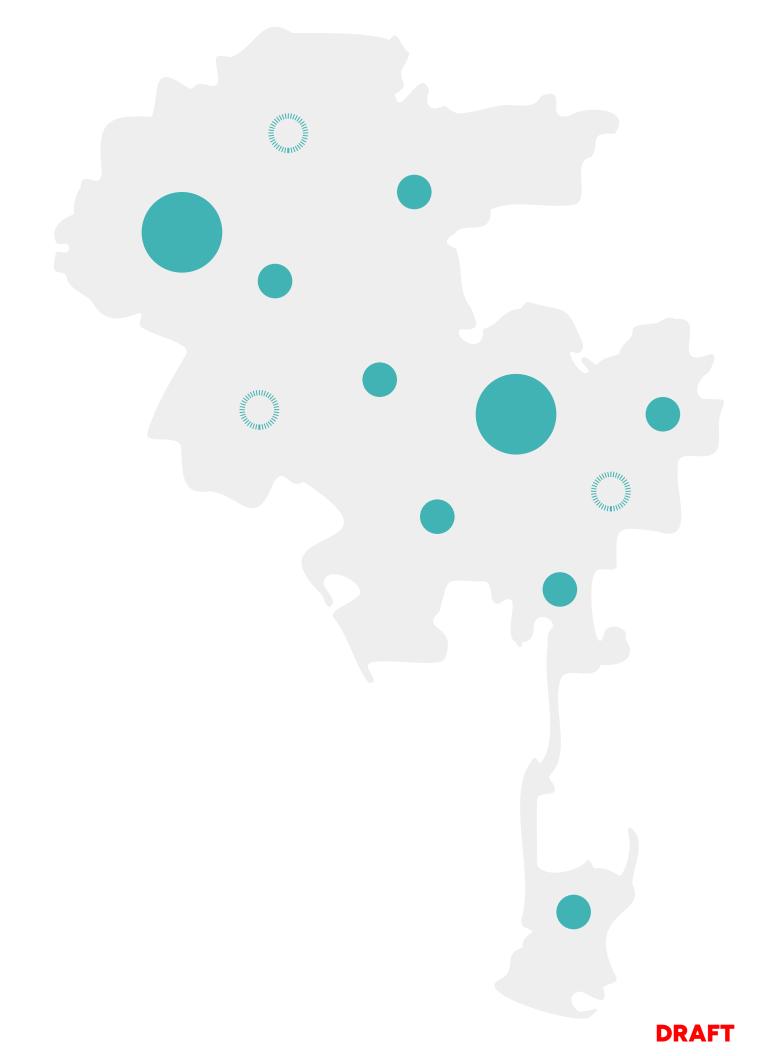




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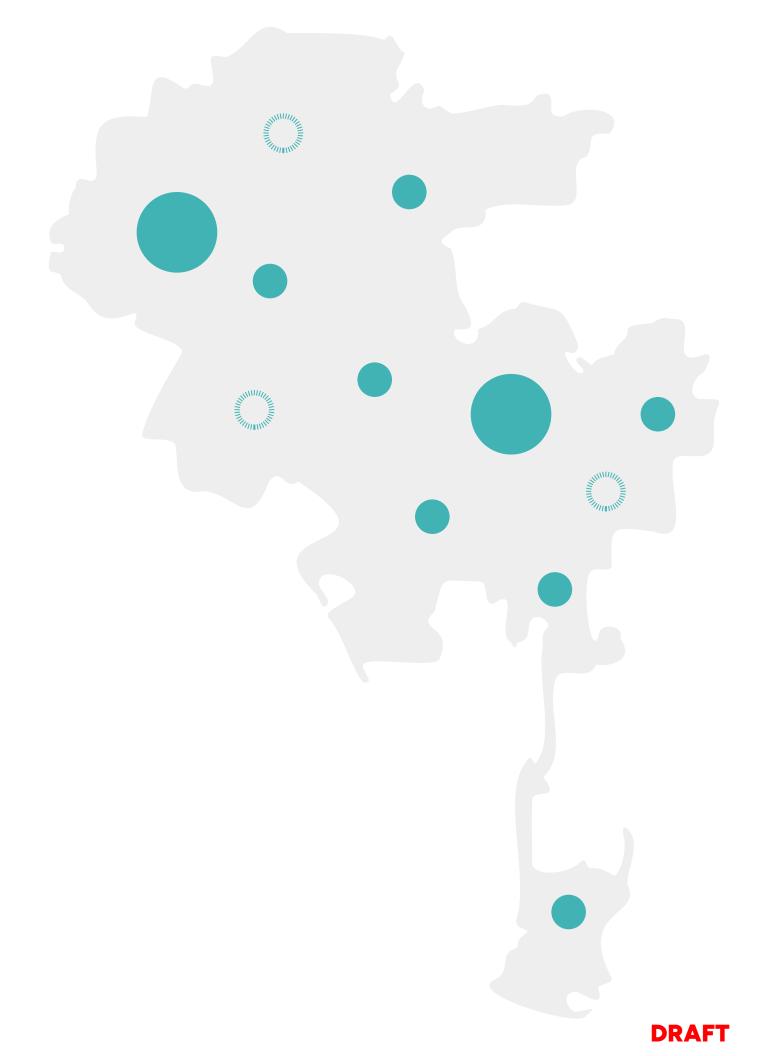




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#### **UNIVERSE OF SITES**

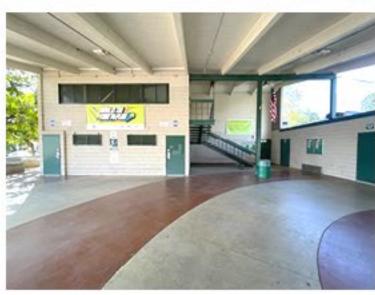
#### **EXISTING RAP PARKS AND FACILITIES**























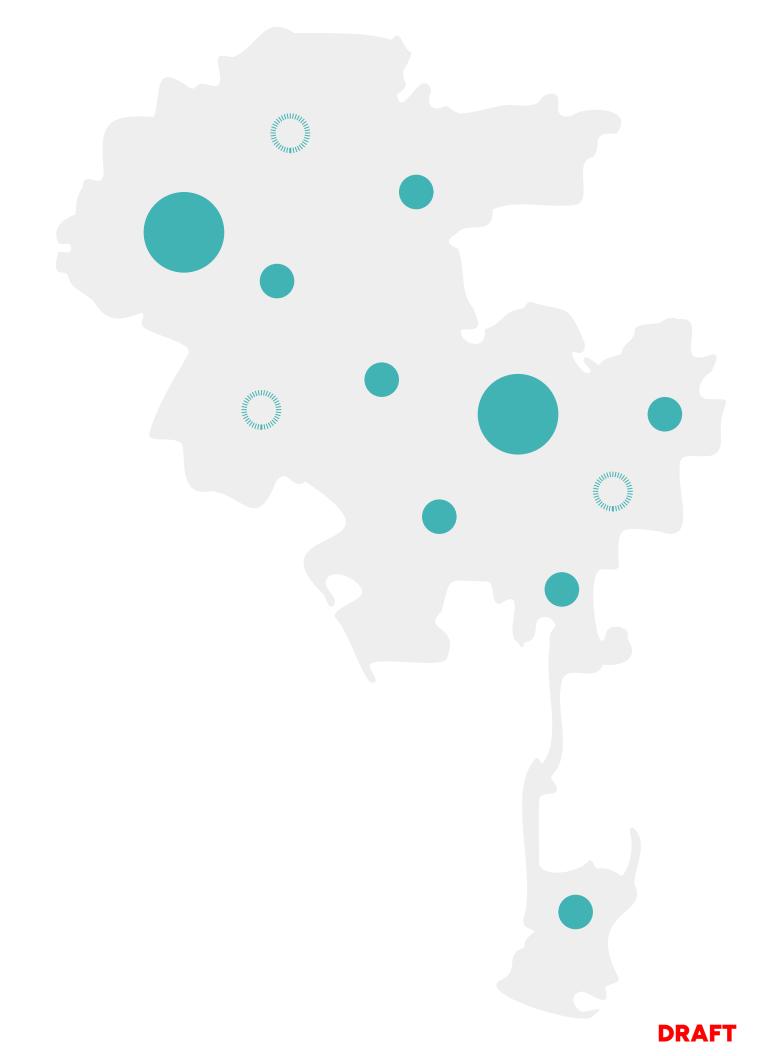


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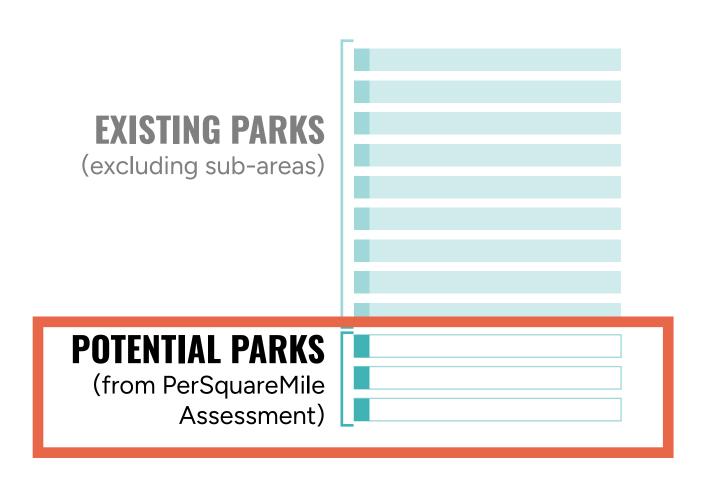


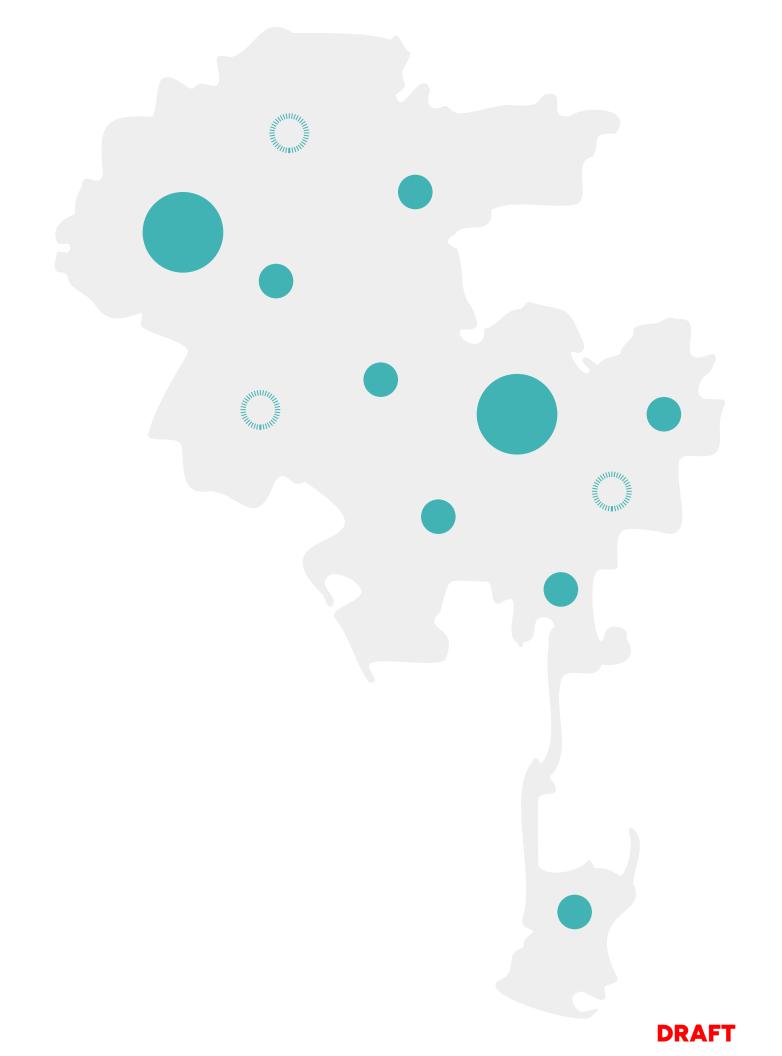




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UNIVERSE OF SITES
POTENTIAL PARKS

# DEVELOPING AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY AREAS THAT NEED NEW PARKS

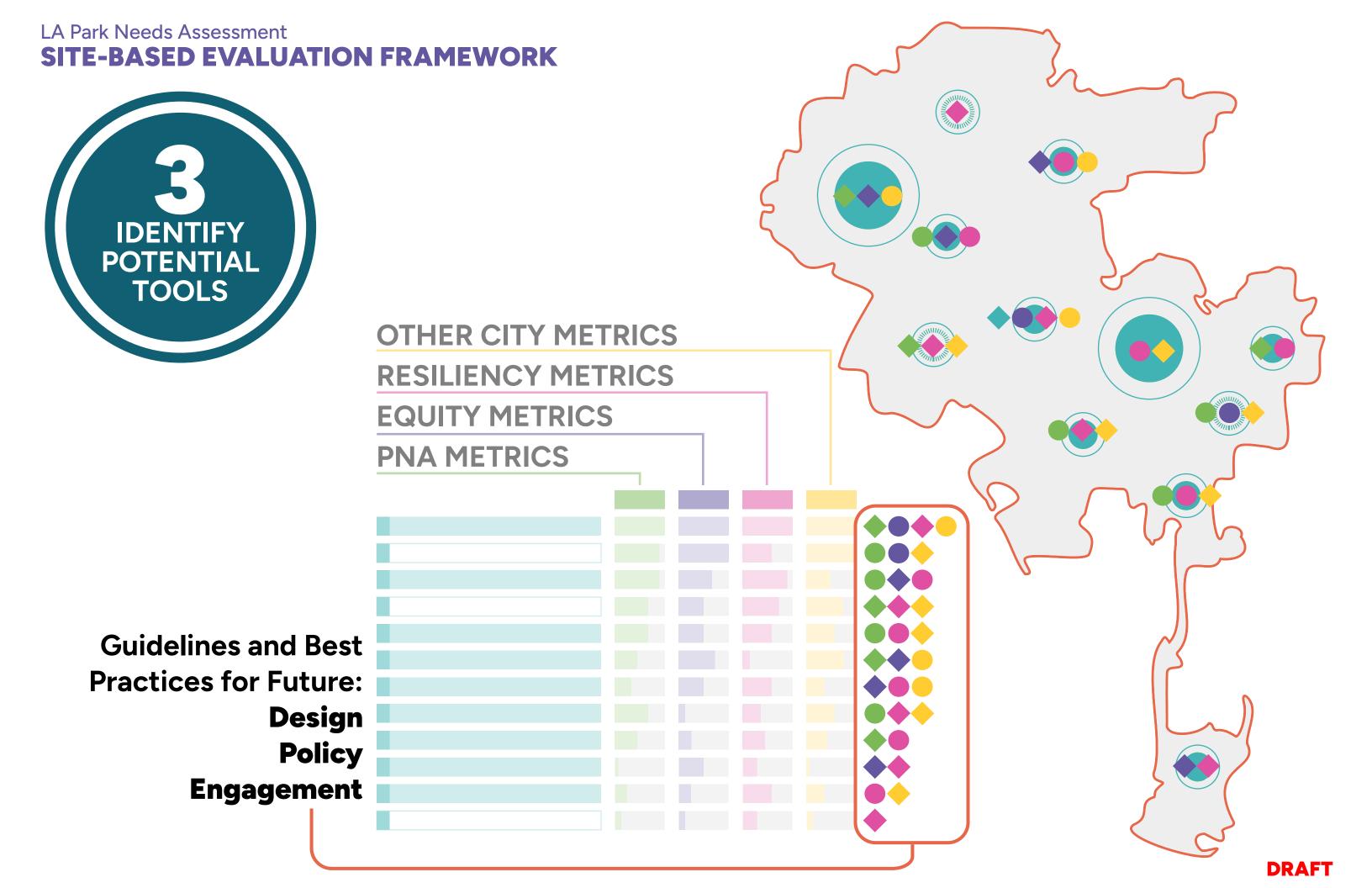




#### SITE-BASED EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT WILL EVALUATE DATA AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO EVALUATE NEEDS.

|                   | Rec and Parks  | Equity  | Resiliency                                    | City/County   |
|-------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Highest<br>Weight | Parks Physical Condition Rec Centers Physical Condition Park Pressure Perceived Walkability  | PNA Equity Score CES or LAEI or SB535 DC Shade Availability | Climate Vulnerability                         | Perceived Park Safety   |
|                   | Measured Walkability   | Criminalization Burden Capital Improvement History          | Biodiversity + Habitat<br>Conservation        | Metro Corridors   |
| Lowest<br>Weight  | Community Priority Amenities Parks Condition Assessment Park Visitation MyLA311 Requests NEW | Availability of Private Open Space                          | Habitat Connectivity Tree Species Composition | Infiltration and Recharge Opposition Water Quality Priority LA County PNA |





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## WEBSITE

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The project website will be updated with the latest engagement and ways to get involved!

Visit the project website by scanning this QR code:



needs.parks.lacity.gov



Planning Process

Commun

Each area of the city will have an interactive map to learn more about the parks in your neighborhood.



The City of Los Angeles is excited to begin work on updating its Park Needs Assessment for the first time since 2009. The Park Needs Assessment will be a roadmap to just and fair capital investment in parks and recreation and equitable connections to quality parks and recreation, to meet current and future needs of residents!

#### **GET INVOLVED!**

part of the planning process for the City of Los Angeles Park Needs Assessment! You can participate by attending a community event, taking the online survey, or by writing to



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## **ENGAGEMENT**

**NEXT STEPS** 

Equity meetings to reach communities and stakeholders with non-normative/ specialized relationships to the park system.



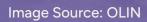
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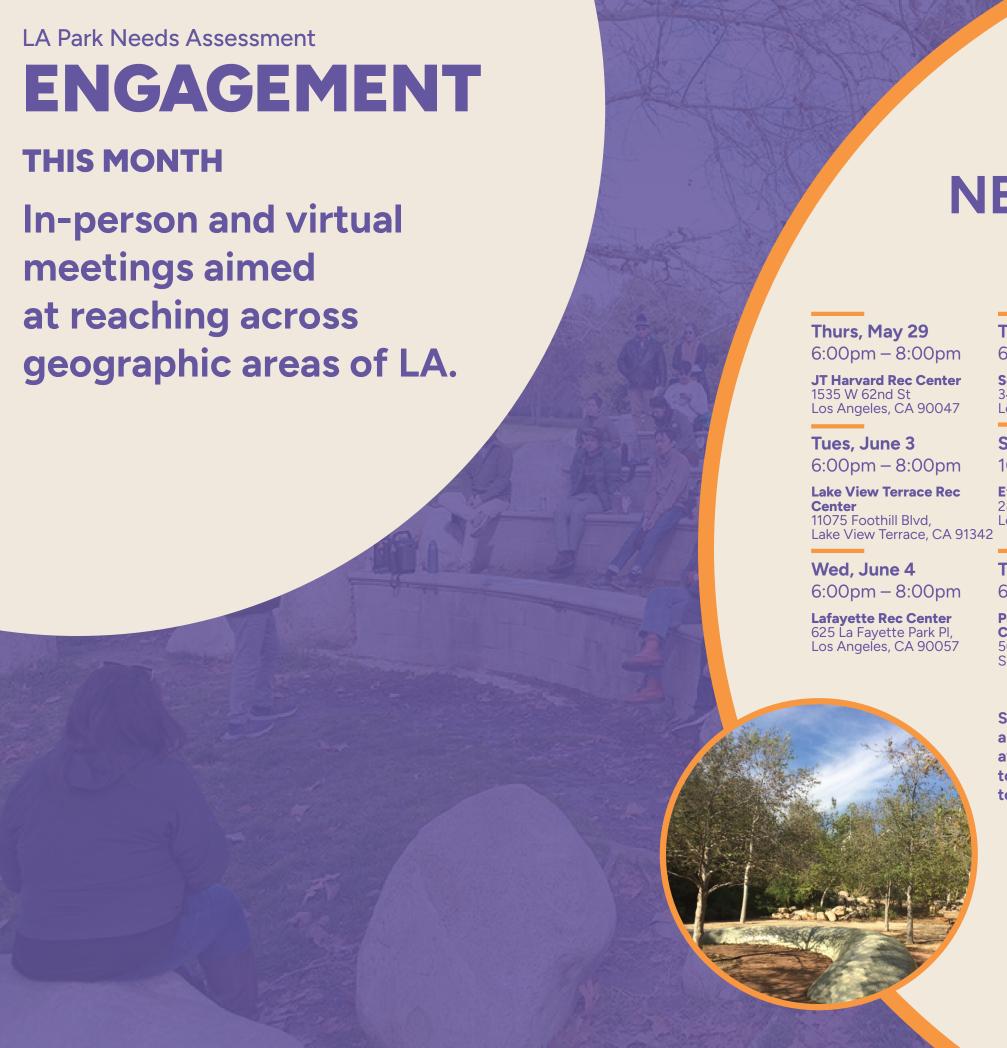
**Equity General Session** June, 2025

Virtual

**Equity Special Sessions** July, 2025

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## **NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Thur, June 5** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**South Park Rec Center** 345 E 51st St, Los Angeles, CA 90011

**Sat, June 7** 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Evergreen Rec Center** 2844 E 2nd St, Los Angeles, CA 90033

**Tues, June 10** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Peck Park Community Center 560 N Western Ave, San Pedro, CA 90732 **Wed, June 11** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Friendship Auditorium 3201 Riverside Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90027

**Wed, June 18** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Sepulveda Rec Center** 8825 Kester Ave, Panorama City, CA 91402

**Sat, June 21** 10:00am – 12:00pm

Pan Pacific Senior Center 141 S Gardner St, Los Angeles, CA 90036 **Wed, June 25** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Alpine Rec Center 817 Yale St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Sat, June 28** 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Granada Hills Rec Center** 16730 Chatsworth St, Granada Hills, CA 91344

**Tues, July 1** 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Zoom (virtual)

Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or any auxiliary aides and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least 72 hours prior to this meeting. For additional information, please contact the project team at LACityParksNeeds@theolinstudio.com.





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