



# Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative



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# LANI Background

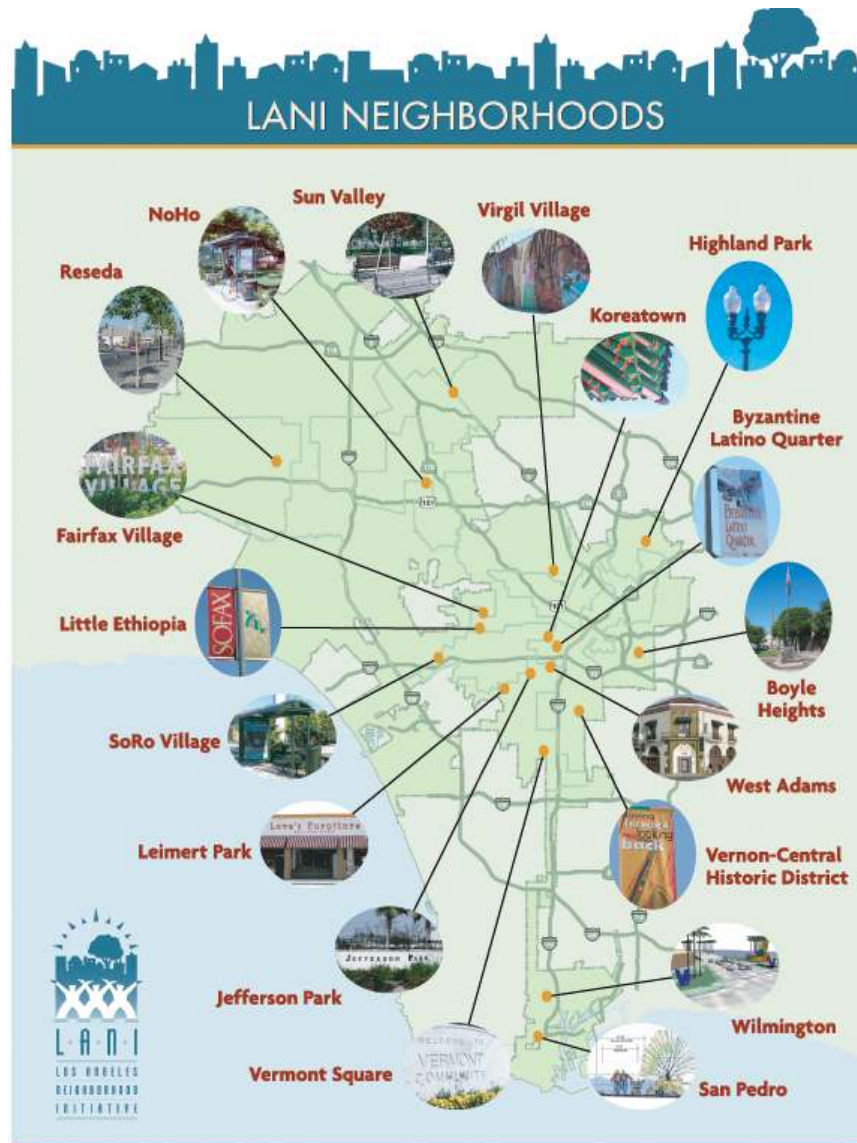
- Established in 1994 to stimulate community-driven neighborhood revitalization
- Community engagement
- Constructed \$15 million in neighborhood improvements
- Leveraged an additional \$30 million in public, private and in-kind improvements



# LANI Program

LANI jump-starts neighborhood revitalization and improves transit access in challenged urban neighborhoods through:

- Community Consensus Building
- Business District Revitalization
- Transit Corridor Improvements
- Urban Greening
- Organizational Development and Support



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# Unprecedented Community Involvement



West Adams RCO Members

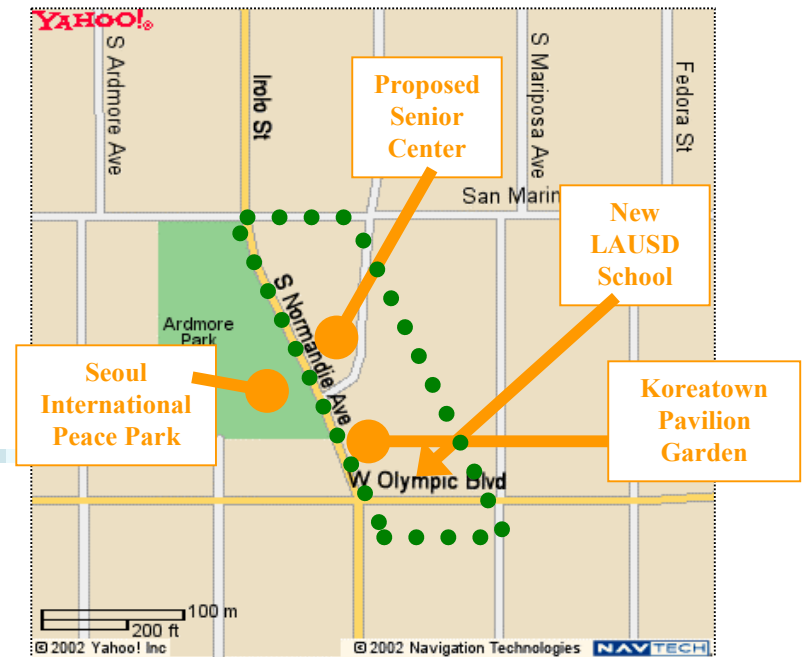
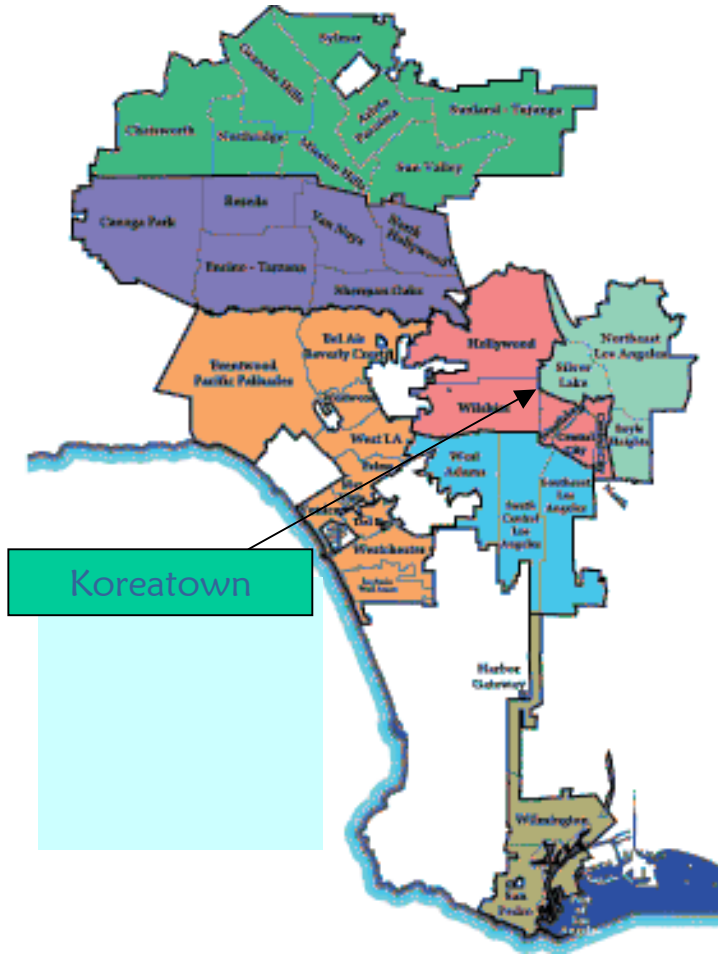


South Robertson RCO Members

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# City of Los Angeles & Site Maps



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LOS ANGELES  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
INITIATIVE

# Koreatown Pavilion Garden Before



Site View North



Site View South

The site is a busy pedestrian & auto thoroughfare as well as a heavily used bus corridor. Prominent transit stops border the site on both sides of the southeast corner.

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# Groundbreaking Ceremony January 2004



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# Partners in Creating Place

- Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative
- Korean American Chamber of Commerce LA
- Korean Consulate General
- Los Angeles Mayor's Office
- Four Los Angeles City Council Districts
- Office of Congressman Becerra
- Department of Recreation & Parks
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- Department of Public Works
- Department of Water & Power
- GDS Architects, Inc.
- CJ Tech Construction, Inc.
- KDG Construction Management
- Los Angeles Unified School District



# Project Benefits

- Provide a lasting symbol of Korean culture and heritage in the City of L.A.
- Create a gathering place for the Korean and greater L.A. community
- Improved transit and pedestrian amenities
- Improved transit access
- Increased security
- Encourage harmony, unity and increased sense of community identity



# Project History

- Desire for project dates back over 10 years
- LANI enters as project manager in January 2003 at request of the City of L.A. Mayor's office
- LANI galvanizes the key stakeholders to transform the vision into the reality of design and construction.
- Phase I construction begins July 2004



# The Heart of a Place

## “Da Wool Jung”

### (A place to live together in peace)

- Project steering committee prioritizes desired improvements
- Goal: Authentic replica of a Korean pavilion
- GDS Architects is selected by the project’s steering committee
- GDS’ task: to design the garden incorporating a Korean pavilion as its heart
- Phase I of construction: Pavilion
- Pavilion is imported from Korea and installed in LA by Korean craftsmen





# Phase I Construction



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# Pavilion Dedication Ceremony September 2004



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# Completing the Pavilion



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# Phase II Construction

- Landscape
- Decorative Paving
- Dry Riverbed
- Donor Wall
- Benches & Trash Receptacles
- Light Sculpture
- Lighting
- New Sidewalk and Curb





# Phase II in Progress



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# Phase III Funds Secured

- Federal Transportation Funds
- \$200K dedicated to Koreatown Pavilion Garden Project
- Funds secured by LANI through Congressman Becerra's office
- Funds available in January 2006
- Project steering committee earmarks funds for bus stop improvement



# LANI Bus Stop Improvements



*Before*



*After*



*No Ho Transit Arts Park*

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# Maintenance

The City of L.A. pledged to undertake the Garden's basic maintenance. However, the project stakeholders have a plan in place to provide a much higher level of care. The following elements are the backbone of the plan:

- Community Participation
- Anti-Graffiti Task Force
- Inventory of Replacement Parts & Paint
- Landscaper Sponsor Program
- LA Unified School District Security Partnership





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