

NNIP Los Angeles Neighborhood Tours

Thursday afternoon, 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

1. Walking Tour of Downtown Los Angeles

Led by Professor Liz Falletta, this tour will highlight architectural and urban planning points of interest across Downtown Los Angeles. The tour will discuss new investments and real estate development projects, such as the historic Grand Central Market, which was recently purchased by a USC Price School alumnus. Additional points of interest may include Pershing Square, the Broadway Theater District, and Clifton's Cafeteria, among others. Leaving from the Millennium Biltmore hotel, this tour will be entirely on foot, with a distance of approximately 1.5 - 2 miles.

2. Tour of Homeboy Industries

Homeboy Industries is a social enterprise that provides personal support and career pathways to men and women who were formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated. Each year over 10,000 former gang members from across Los Angeles come through Homeboy Industries' doors. Full-time employment is offered for more than 200 men and women at a time through an 18-month comprehensive workforce development program. The enterprise has grown since its founding in 1992, and now includes a bakery, a café, catering services, grocery store products, silkscreen and embroidery, and most recently, electronics recycling. This tour will provide a behind-the-scenes look at Homeboy Electronics Recycling, led by Kabira Stokes (a USC Price School alumnus) who will talk about the mission, vision, and organizational structure of Homeboy Industries as a social enterprise. Bus transportation will be used to travel to the location; minimal walking required. (Maximum: 25 people).

3. Tour of Little Tokyo

Led by Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC), this tour will explore Little Tokyo Historic District, an ethnically Japanese district in downtown Los Angeles and the most populous of the three official Japantowns in the US. The tour will describe the history and cultural significance of the community, as well as the neighborhood characteristics of Little Tokyo, which were detailed in the Price Center's [2013 Community Assessment](#). LTSC is a community development corporation that provides an array of social welfare and community development services to assist low-income residents living in Little Tokyo. LTSC also worked with the Price Center on a [2017 NDSC data story focused on Little Tokyo's Aging Community](#). A bus will be used to travel to the tour site. Though Little Tokyo is located close to Skid Row, which houses many homeless encampments, the tour will not disrupt or engage with any of our neighbors' encampments. Moderate walking will be required; estimated distance is approximately 1 mile.