

History of Neighborhood Councils

Neighborhood Councils were formed to increase participatory democracy. These political bodies would bridge the gap between government and the people; each Neighborhood Council can weigh in on city matters.

Los Angeles provides the most support for Sister Cities by granting them some level of political power in addition to funding.

Reference:

<https://participedia.net/en/cases/los-angeles-citywide-neighborhood-council-system>

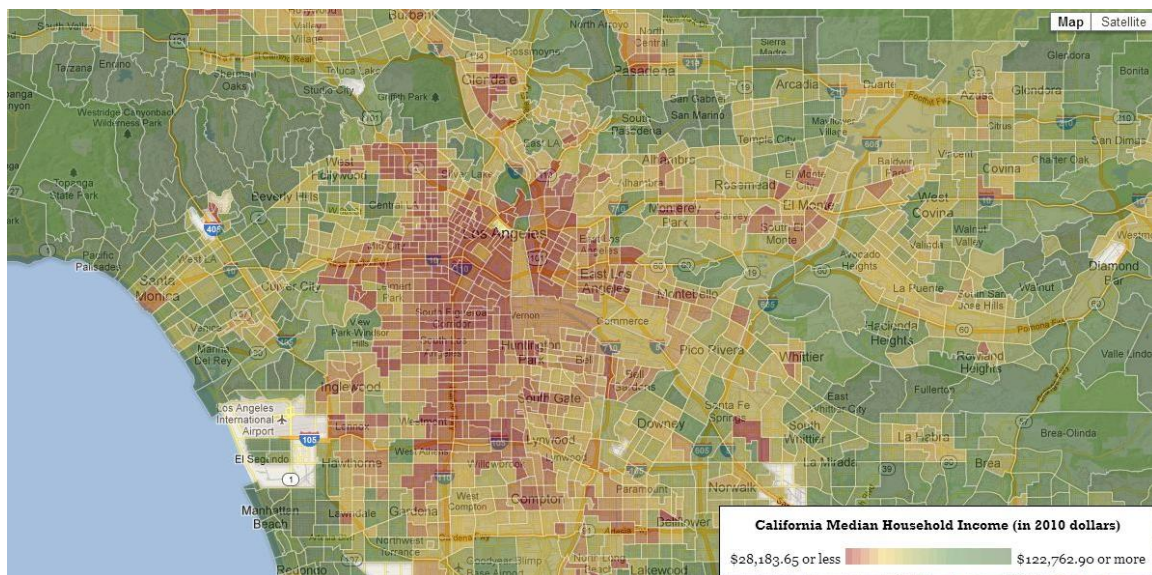
VNC Sister City Goal:

To advance systemic change through collaborations with neighborhood councils representing disenfranchised, low-income communities.

Existing neighborhood council assistance:

<https://participedia.net/en/cases/los-angeles-citywide-neighborhood-council-system>

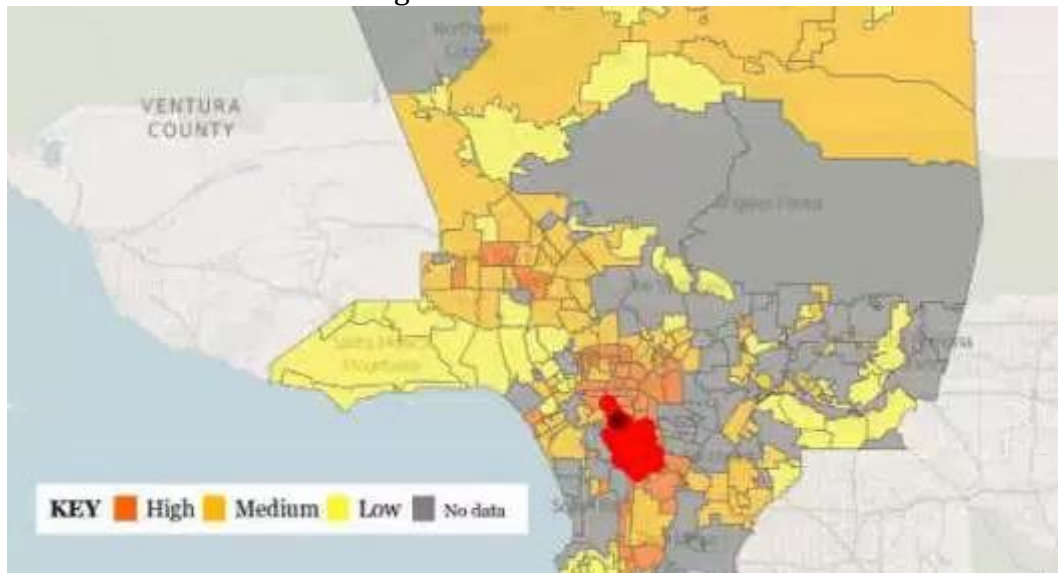
Qualifying Neighborhood Councils



Richblockspoorblocks.com

Some of the poorest areas include: South Figueroa, South LA, Leimart Park, Compton, and east of Mid-City.

Some of the cities with the highest crime rates:



<http://esfandilawfirm.com/most-dangerous-neighborhoods-los-angeles/>

Some of the cities with the highest rates of crime include: Chesterfield square, Harvard Park, Vermont Knolls, Watts, South Park (in no particular order)

There is a clear overlap between city-wide economic insolvency and high rates of crime.

List of all neighborhood councils:

<https://www.lacity.org/your-government/government-information/subscribe-meetings-agendas-and-documents/neighborhood>

Potential Corresponding Neighborhood Councils

- MacArthur Park Neighborhood Council (see link above)
 - Watts Neighborhood Council (see link above)
 - United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council (<http://unnc.org/>)
-

Los Angeles is undergoing a series of economic developments. There will be more money flow in and around many of these areas but that will not inherently lead to economic growth for the poor. Studies show that poor communities tend to stay poor. So what can be done?

Economic disparity article:

<http://www.laweekly.com/news/los-angeles-poor-communities-tend-to-stay-that-way-over-the-years-8035814>

Benefits of a Sister-Neighborhood Council Collaboration:

To be discussed