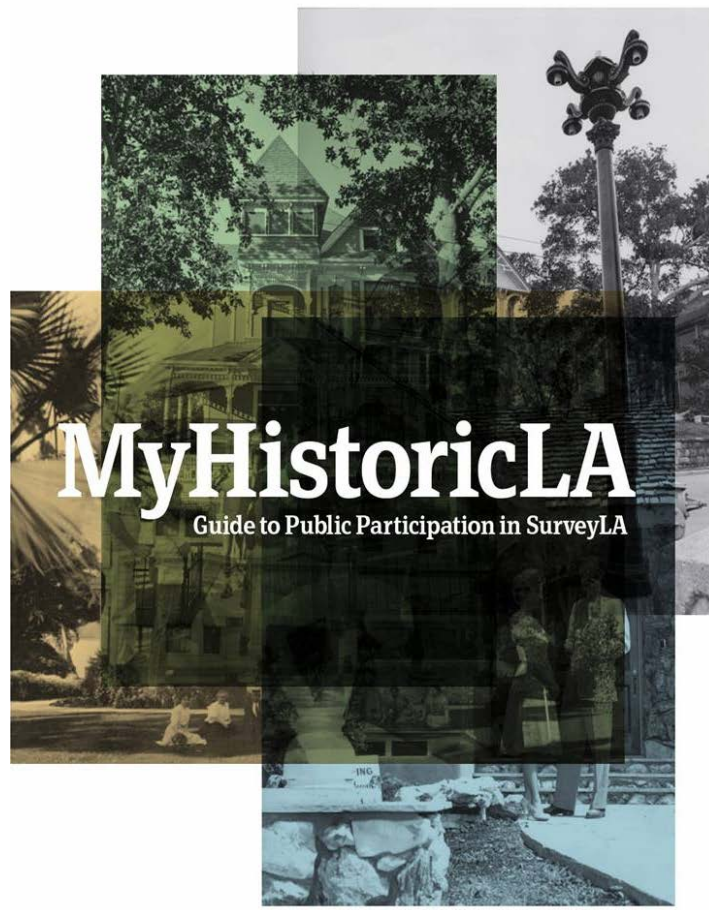


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## SurveyLA Public Participation Program



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SurveyLA, the Los Angeles Historic Resources Survey Project, is the first-ever comprehensive inventory of all historic resources in the City of Los Angeles, and is considered one of the most far-reaching historic preservation initiatives in the nation. Prior to SurveyLA, only 15 percent of the City had been surveyed. The sheer size of Los Angeles—a city of more than 465 square miles—makes a citywide survey particularly challenging, as does the City's ethnic, economic, and linguistic diversity. The City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources is overseeing the project with technical and advisory support from the Getty Conservation Institute.

The Getty's grant agreement did not provide funding for public participation, so the Office of Historic Resources had to be creative in identifying numerous outside partners and funding sources to make the Public Participation Program possible. The program includes several distinct but well-integrated components: a SurveyLA video, multilingual brochures, the publication *MyHistoricLA Guide to Public Participation in SurveyLA*, the SurveyLA website, an e-Newsletter, and the Volunteer Program and Volunteer Speakers Bureau.

The SurveyLA Public Participation Program represents the first initiative ever to engage communities in historic preservation in every section of Los Angeles. The program and its components have given the City's historic preservation program a public face, and provided a replicable model for other local governments to follow. Already the program has inspired exciting "spinoff" community activities, including neighborhood walkabouts, historic walking tours, community celebrations, and online archives.

Learn more about SurveyLA and the historic resources of Los Angeles:

<http://preservation.lacity.org/survey>