

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Long Beach, showing a dense grid of streets and buildings. A river or canal runs along the left side, and the coastline is visible on the right.

Historic Context Statement: Suburbanization & Race

Planning Commission Meeting
October 6, 2022

Project Scope

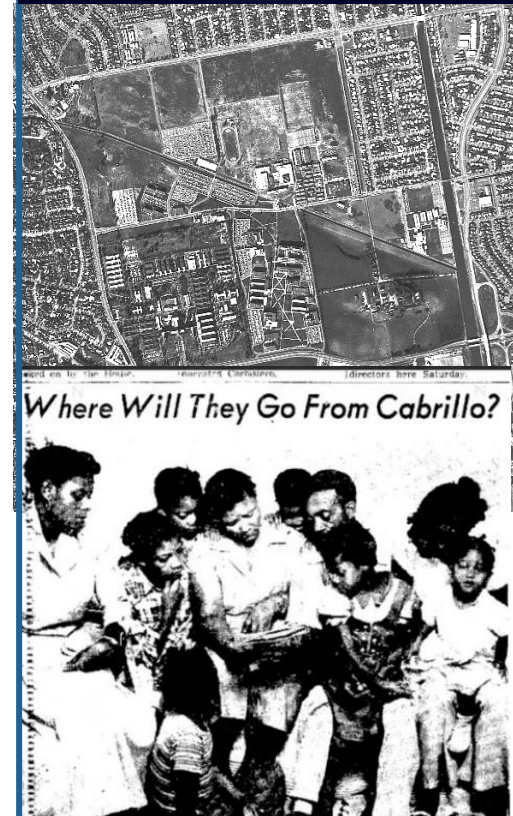
- Historic Context focused on the intersection of the built environment and housing restrictions & the fight for fair housing, 1945-1979
- Includes brief overview of the diverse communities
- Supplements the Citywide Historic Context (2009)
- Included related community outreach effort
- Funded by a State of California's Certified Local Governments (CLG) grant
- 2019 grant; extended due to COVID-19

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY MAP

LEGEND

- A FIRST GRADE
- B SECOND GRADE
- C THIRD GRADE
- D FOURTH GRADE
- SPARSELY BUILT UP
(COLOR INDICATES GRADE)
- COMMERCIAL (IMPORTANT RETAIL AND WHOLESALE AREAS)
- UNDEVELOPED OR FARMLAND
(UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)

PREPARED BY
DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD
WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE
APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT
HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 1939



Historic Contexts

- Narrative document providing the framework for identification and evaluation of historic resources
- Critical tool for protecting resources that reflect the varied and complex history
- Not a definitive history of any topic
- Tool for staff, the community, and decision-makers
- Intersectional approach providing a better understanding of development patterns
- Assists future historians and the continued work to understand and recognize the city's diverse communities



Community Outreach

- Partnered with Stratiscope Community Engagement Team
 - Developed Historic Context Advisory Committee
 - Representative of the diverse communities of the city and its heritage
 - Virtual Outreach Meetings
 - Social media campaign
- Advisory Committee
 - Provided family resources (ephemera and photos)
 - Recommended individuals for one-on-one interviews
 - Draft Context reviewers
- 5 readers/subject matter experts reviewed the draft
- City staff review and comment



One-on-One Interviews

- Conducted individual interviews
 - Cynthia Terry
 - Carl McBride
 - Chan Hopson
 - Sharon Diggs Jackson
 - Jessica Quintana
 - Fran Lujan
 - Audrey Yamagata



Historic Context Statement: Race & Suburbanization

- Narrative Overview
 - Discriminatory Practices of the Early 20th Century
 - Segregation and Discrimination, 1941-1959
 - Civil Rights & Integration, 1960-1975
 - North Long Beach Transformed, 1976-1979
 - Racial and Ethnic Groups
- Contexts and Themes Related to Postwar Development
- List of properties and neighborhoods identified through research and by the community
- Bibliography of sources for future researchers

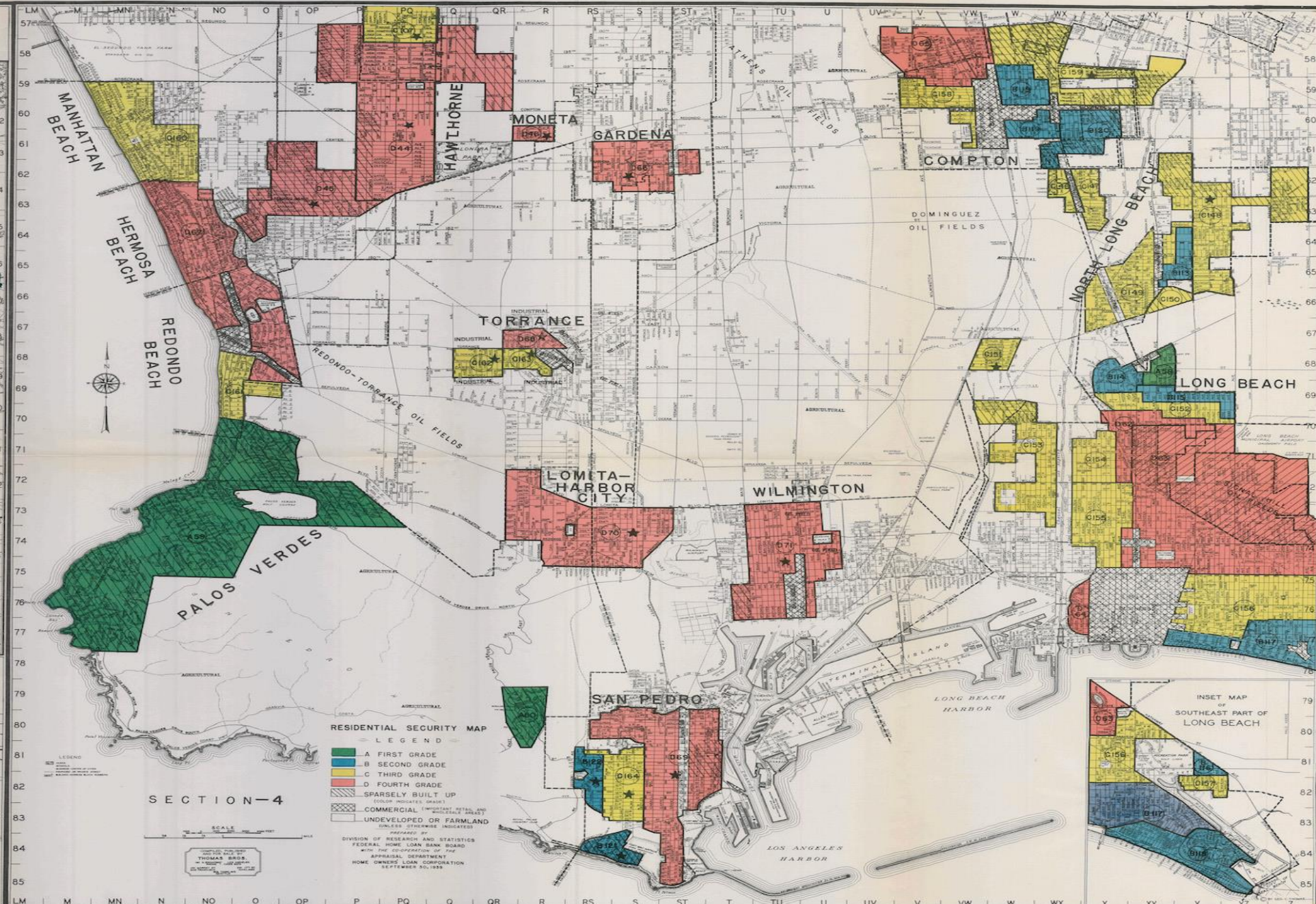
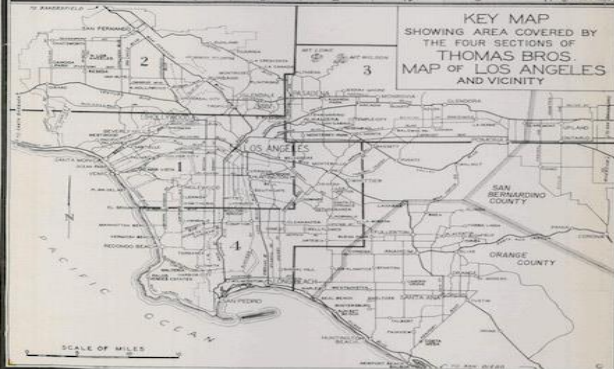
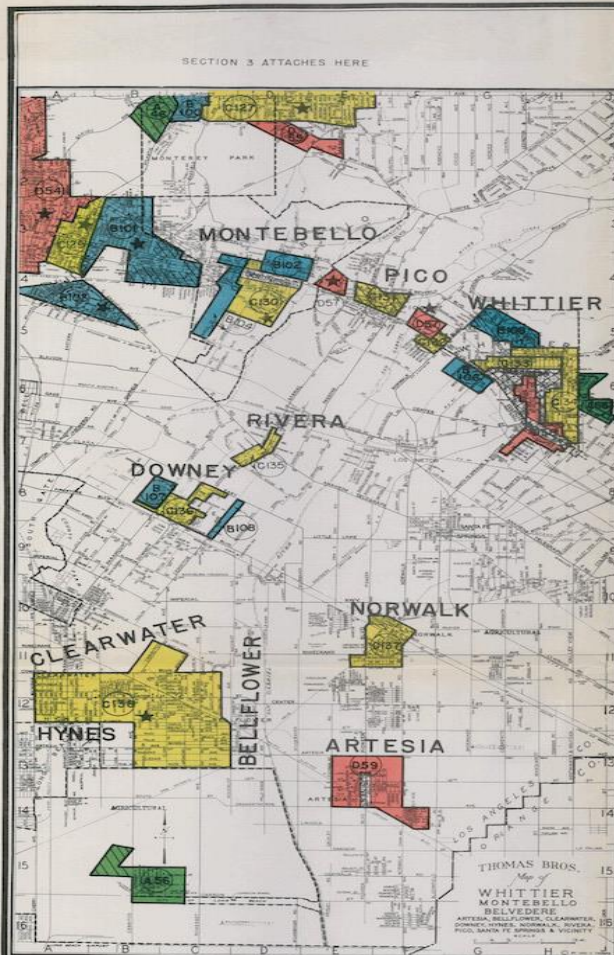




Discriminatory Practices of the Early 20th Century, 1900-1944

- Alien Land Laws
- Restrictive covenants (deed restrictions)
- Segregation
- Redlining
 - New Deal housing institutions: Home Owners Loan Corp. and the Federal Housing Administration (FHA)
 - FHA rated neighborhoods as “security risks”
 - Denied mortgages based on race and ethnicity
 - Contributor to the legalization and institutionalization of racism and segregation

SECTION 3 ATTACHES HERE

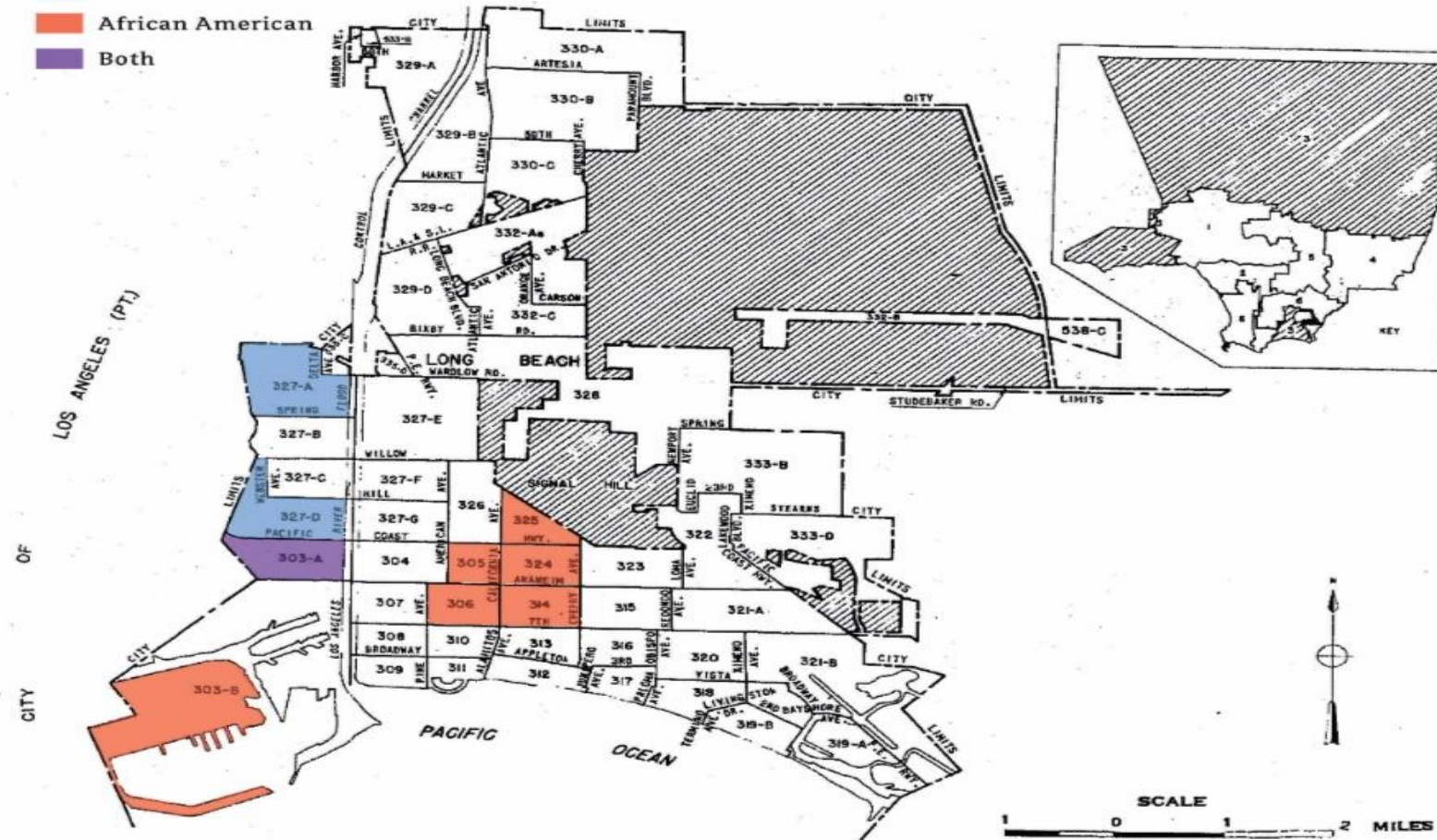


LOS ANGELES, CALIF., AND ADJACENT AREAS BY CENSUS TRACTS

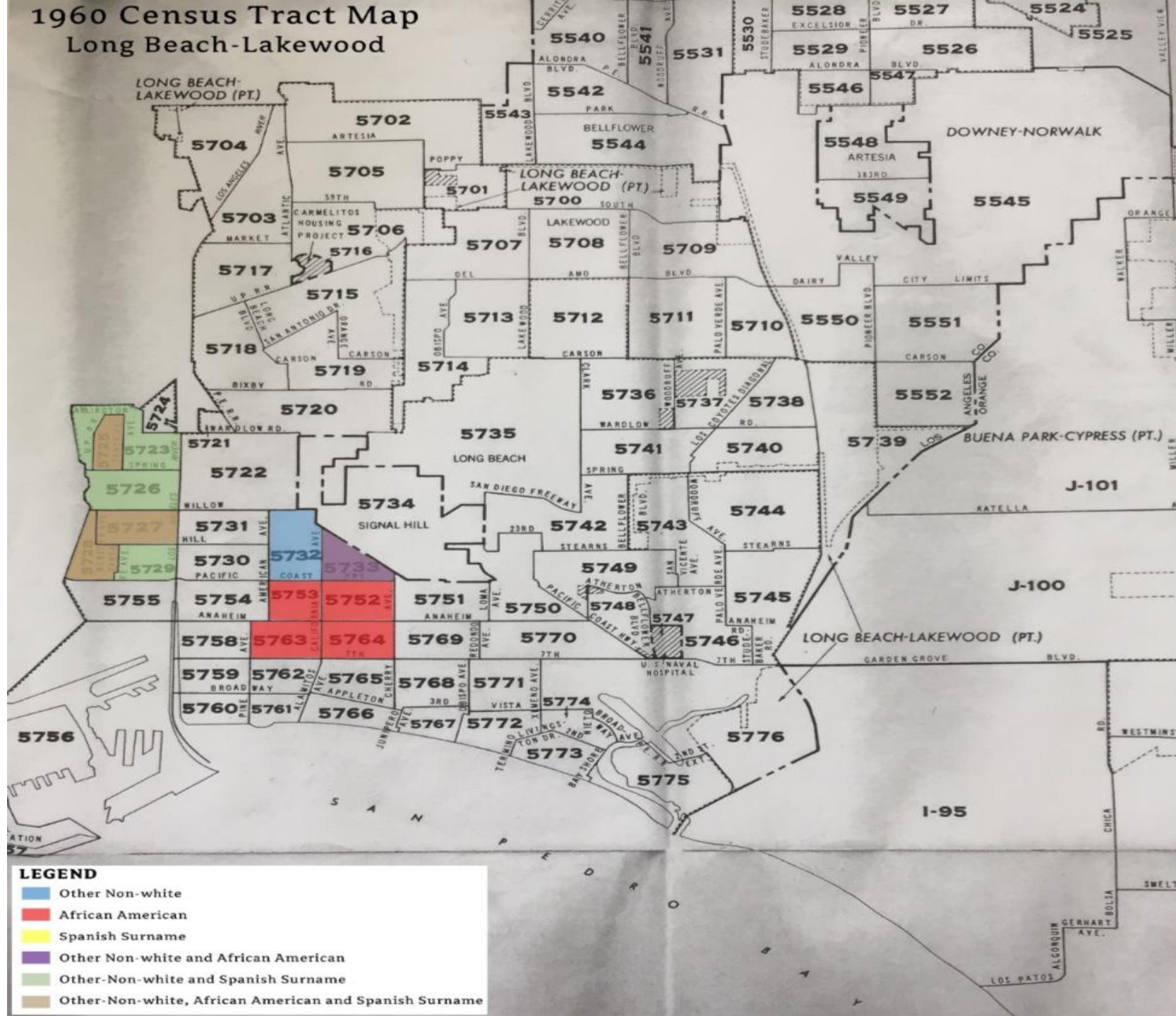
Part 3.- Tracts in Long Beach city (1950)

LEGEND

- Other Non-white
- African American
- Both



1960 Census Tract Map Long Beach-Lakewood



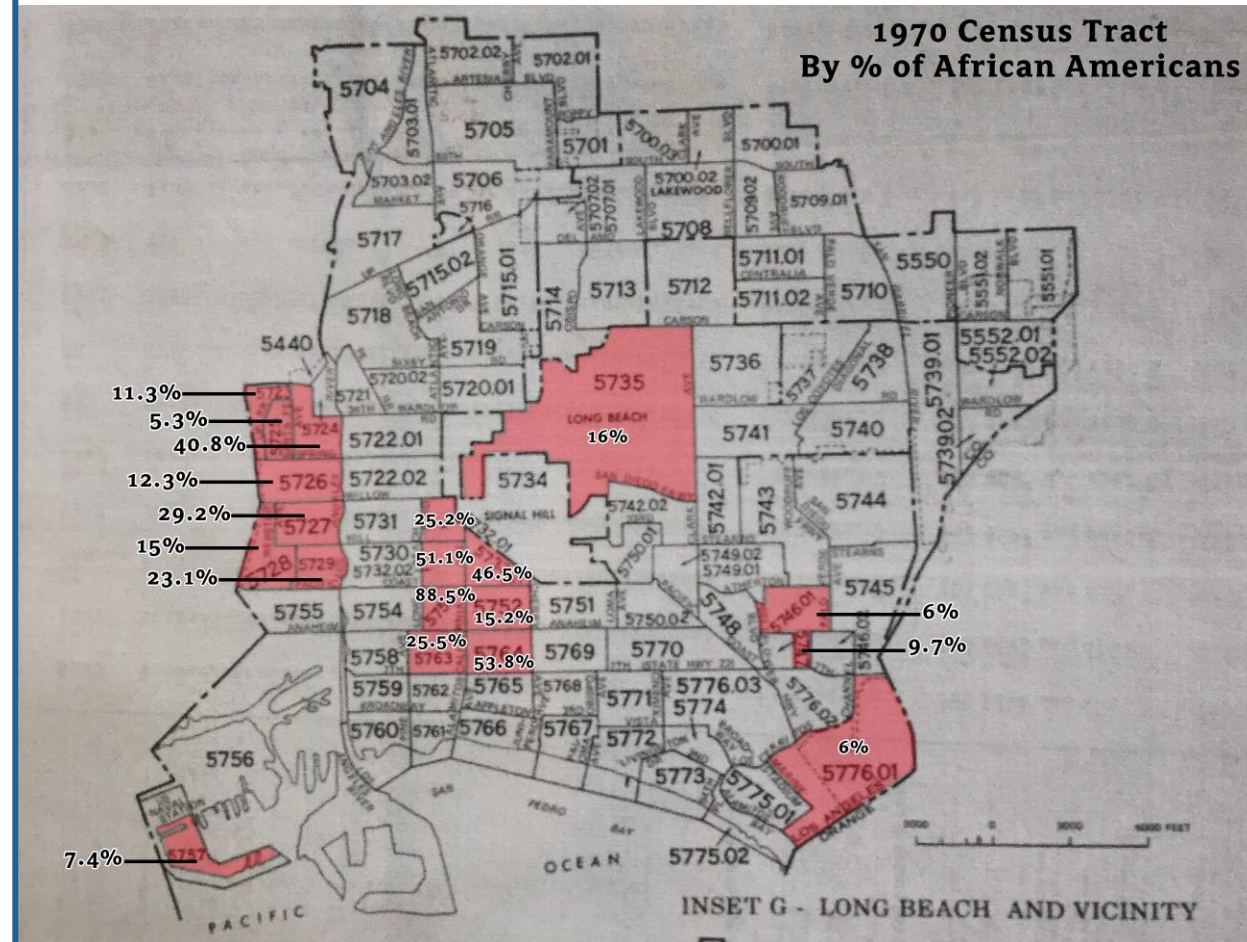
Segregation and Discrimination in Long Beach, 1945-1964

- Patterns of institutionalized segregation were well established
- Pre-1964, only 8 African American families lived in non-integrated neighborhoods
- Blockbusting: realtors refer non-white home buyers to Westside neighborhoods and encourage panic selling by whites
- “For Rent” signs: landlords tell prospective renters of color that the unit has already been rented
- World War II-era housing projects were segregated
 - Truman Boyd Manor
 - Lexington Defense Housing
 - Cabrillo Homes War Emergency Housing Complex



Integration in Long Beach, 1964-1976

- Fair Housing Act, 1963
- Proposition 14, 1964
- Fair Housing Foundation (FHF)
 - Initially founded to fight Proposition 14
- Westside Neighbors Association



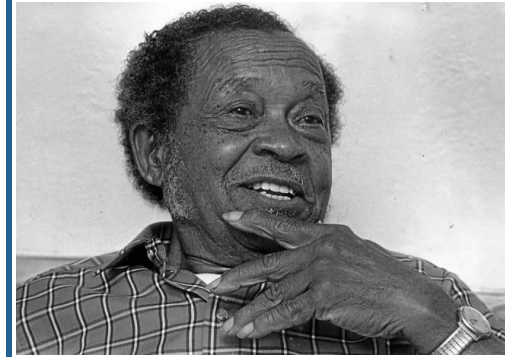
Long Beach Fair Housing Foundation



- Lawyer advocates and activist clergy
- Unique practices
 - Double escrow
 - Checkers
 - Lawsuits
- Placement of 7 African American families by February 1964
- Placement of 1,500 African American families by July 1976
- Model for other fair housing organizations throughout California and the country

Civil Rights Movement in Long Beach

- NAACP
- Chicano Civil Rights Movement
- Long Beach Polytechnic High School
- California State University, Long Beach



Fight for Fair Housing: Associated Properties

- Fair Housing Foundation Office
- Residence associated with the Thomas E. and Enako Allen v. Paul and Blanche Staub case
- Westside home of Ann Trumbore
- Dr. Charles Terry Residence



Overview: Racial and Ethnic Groups in Long Beach

- African Americans
- Latina/o Community
- Japanese Americans
- Chinese Americans
- Filipino Americans
- Korean Americans
- Samoan Americans
- Vietnamese Americans
- Guamanian and Chamorro Americans
- Cambodian Americans
- Laotian and Hmong Americans



Conclusion

- Public Comment Period: May 20, 2022 to August 5, 2022
- Cultural Heritage Commission Study Session: July 26, 2022
- Equity and Human Relations Commission: August 3, 2022
- Public Hearing at the Cultural Heritage Commission for final approval: August 30, 2022
- Part of a larger citywide racial equity and reconciliation initiative in recognition of the history of racism in the City and its impact on local residents.
- In Development Services this effort focused on recognizing our full history and preserving it as part of this process.
- For the Planning Commission this history should influence future land use policies and zoning regulations.

