

Los Angeles, California Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment	Low-Income Households
39	Los Angeles, CA	CA0061	197,886	10	36%	14%	81%

Los Angeles has a Round I Enterprise Community that has, in part, been designated as a Renewal Community (RC), thus Los Angeles lost its EC designation when it received RC designation on January 1st, 2002.

The City of Los Angeles developed experience in incentive programs with not only its EC, but also its Federal Empowerment Zone and State Enterprise Zone. Los Angeles' Course of Action includes all six required goals and actions as follows:

Reducing Tax Burdens

The City has implemented a small business exemption, new business exemption, preservation tax benefit, reduced rates for municipal utilities, development fee reductions and non-fee charges.

Improving Local Services

In order to increase resident self-sufficiency, the ` will support a strong foundation in human services and workforce investment strategies including one-stop services delivery, customized training, business services, first source hiring, rapid response to layoffs and plant closures, programs for youth, family programs, affordable housing and neighborhood development.

Reducing Crime

Within the RC, crime was 10.2% greater than the national crime index. Reduction strategies will involve all community partners. The City has worked to broker peace with and among gangs, web published crime prevention tips, established Business Improvement Districts and youth programs focusing on drug resistance.

Reducing Government Requirements

The City has implemented density bonuses for affordable housing, incentive zoning and developed a comprehensive one-stop permitting center. The City has also implemented variances and exception policies that allow for home-based businesses and a voluntary environmental compliance program.

Soliciting In-Kind Donations

Los Angeles offers land write-downs and other assistance to projects to make them economically feasible. Private financial institutions and foundations provide funding for Business Assistance Centers and economic development.

Involving Community Partners

- Vermont/Slauson Economic Development Corporation
- Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment
- Community Financial Resource Center
- City of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
- Asian Business League
- Latin Business Associate Institute
- Grant A.M.E. Church/Grant Economic Development and Housing Corporation