

Community Spaces Tour Legacy LA, Homeboy Industries, La Mas

Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

See social purpose real estate in action on the community spaces tour. We will visit three different community spaces in different parts of Los Angeles: Legacy LA, La Mas, and Homeboy Industries. In each space, we'll learn about the mission of the organization, the programs they run, and the community impact they have. It is a chance to learn from peers on how they run their space, building operations, and community animation.

Itinerary

12:45 PM - Tour participants check in at Hotel Per La lobby

1:00 PM - Tour bus departs from Hotel Per La for Legacy LA

1:10 PM - Disembark at Legacy LA

Founded in 2007, and now led by Alumni Lucy Herrera–Legacy LA is a community-based, nonprofit organization focused on youth development. Our mission is to make positive interventions in the lives of young people by offering alternatives to gangs and violence. operating in a 50,000 square-foot 1950s Armory building, we provide multifaceted youth programs focused on advocacy, empowerment, service learning, education, and culture. Legacy serves/engages more than 300 participants annually. Our work is guided by the belief that all youth have the potential to succeed and have the ability to be champions for themselves and their community! One of my favorite places in the space is our new Wellness Lounge geared for therapy sessions and check in for our youth. It is a favorite because it was designed by our students.

1:55 PM - Tour bus departs from Legacy LA to Homeboy Industries

2:05 PM - Disembark at Homeboy Industries

What began in 1988 as a way of improving the lives of former gang members in East Los Angeles has evolved into the largest gang intervention, rehab and re-entry program in the world at Homeboy Industries. Each year we welcome thousands of people through our doors seeking to transform their lives. Whether joining our 18-month employment and re-entry program or seeking discrete services such as tattoo removal or substance abuse resources, our clients are embraced by a community of kinship and offered a variety of free wraparound services to facilitate healing and growth. In addition to serving almost 7,000 members of the immediate Los Angeles community in 2018, our flagship 18-month employment and reentry program was offered to over 400 men and women. Over the past 30 years, the tide of gang activity in Los Angeles has turned, the field of re-entry services has broadened, and public safety has become

more enlightened in ways that would not have been possible without the advocacy of Homeboy Industries.

2:50 PM - Tour bus departs from Homeboy Industries to La Mas

3:00 PM - Disembark at La Mas

LA Más, a community based organization building collective power in Northeast Los Angeles to promote neighborhood stability and economic resilience for working class communities of color. In summer of 2024, LA Más moved into a 2500 ft² commercial space in the heart of the Cypress Park neighborhood. More than a typical resource center, this space is a living reflection of a local sharing economy, where our community can sustain each other through celebration, exchange, learning and collective action. The current building owners are longtime allies who invited LA Más to become stewards of the space, so that it could "live out its full community life". This year, there are 160+ events and gatherings planned, including a weekly Friday night market called Somos LA featuring community vendors. Our space has so much history - as the the former home of La Morenita, a beloved bakery and community hub - we are continuing a legacy of bringing people together and supporting neighbors.

3:45 PM - Tour ends, bus departs for Hotel Per La

4:00 PM - Bus arrives at Hotel Per La