

Historical Timeline of the WESTCHESTER-PLAYA DEL REY

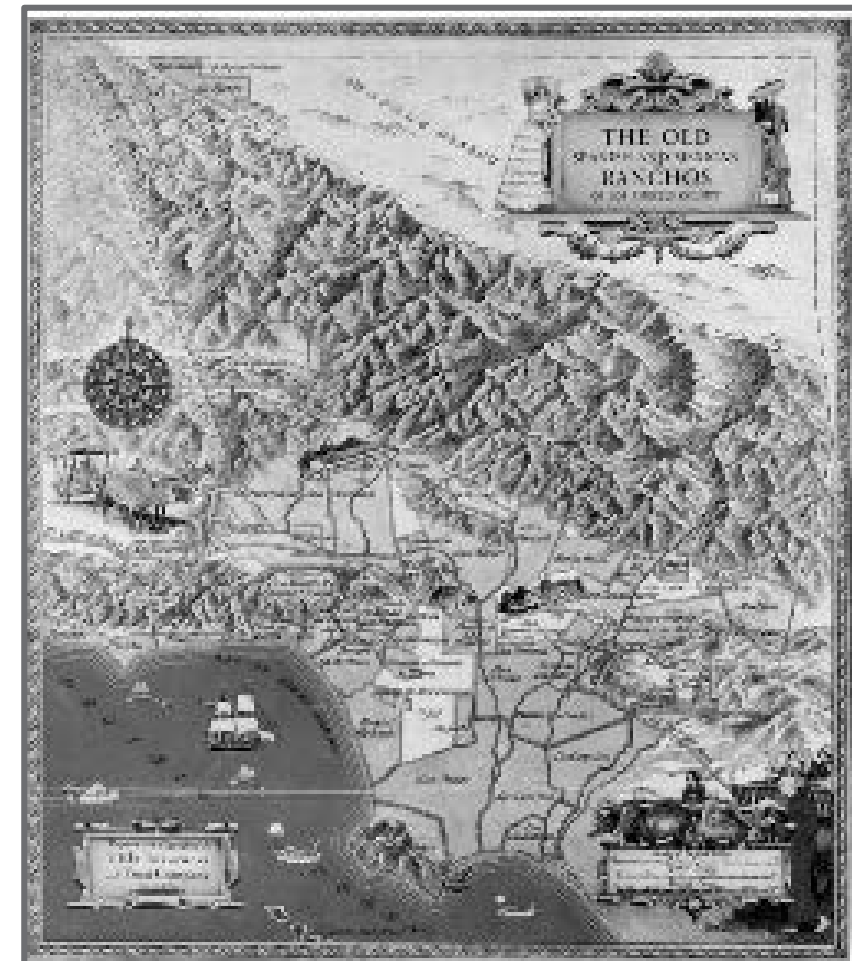
Events Significant to Local Development

Indigenous Gabrielino / Tongva people have inhabited the region for thousands of years



Replica of a Tongva hut located in Franklin Canyon Park, Jergent via Wikimedia Commons

Early 1800s Spanish land grants divide the area into ranchos, including: Rancho La Ballona, Rancho Sausal Redondo, and Rancho Aguaje de Centinela



1978 California Historical Society Collection, University of Southern California

1834 Centinela Adobe constructed (now the oldest remaining building in the area)



Historical Society of Centinela Valley

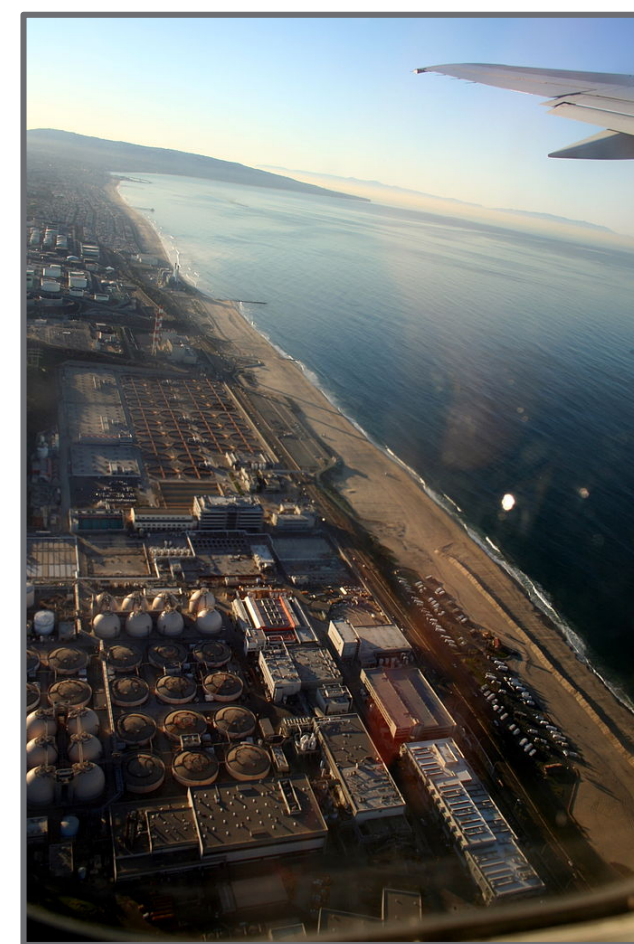
1886-89 Dredging to create 'Port Ballona' begins, stalls, and is abandoned

1902 The Beach Land Company purchases and begins subdividing over 1000 acres in Playa del Rey. Trolley from Los Angeles to the beach opens, bringing visitors to the new resort.



November 8, 1902, p. 11/6, Los Angeles Times

1925 Waste treatment facility first opens at Hyperion Treatment Plant site



Park Crawford, via Wikimedia Commons

1928 Mines Field begins operation (eventually becoming LAX)



LAX Early History, www.lax.org

1929 Oil discovered in the area, production grows in the following decades



1938, Marina Del Rey Historical Society

1929 Loyola University moves to Westchester



Michigan at English Wikipedia

1938 Ballona Creek channelized by Army Corps of Engineers to control flooding



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1940 Hughes Aircraft manufacturing plant opens



1941, LRLV Library Special Collections

1941-46 Planned community of 10,000 people developed in Westchester for defense workers

1948 Loyola Theater built, and Westchester High School opens



1982, Jack Lamberton for the Daily Breeze

1946 Commercial airline service begins at LAX

1700

1800

1850

1900

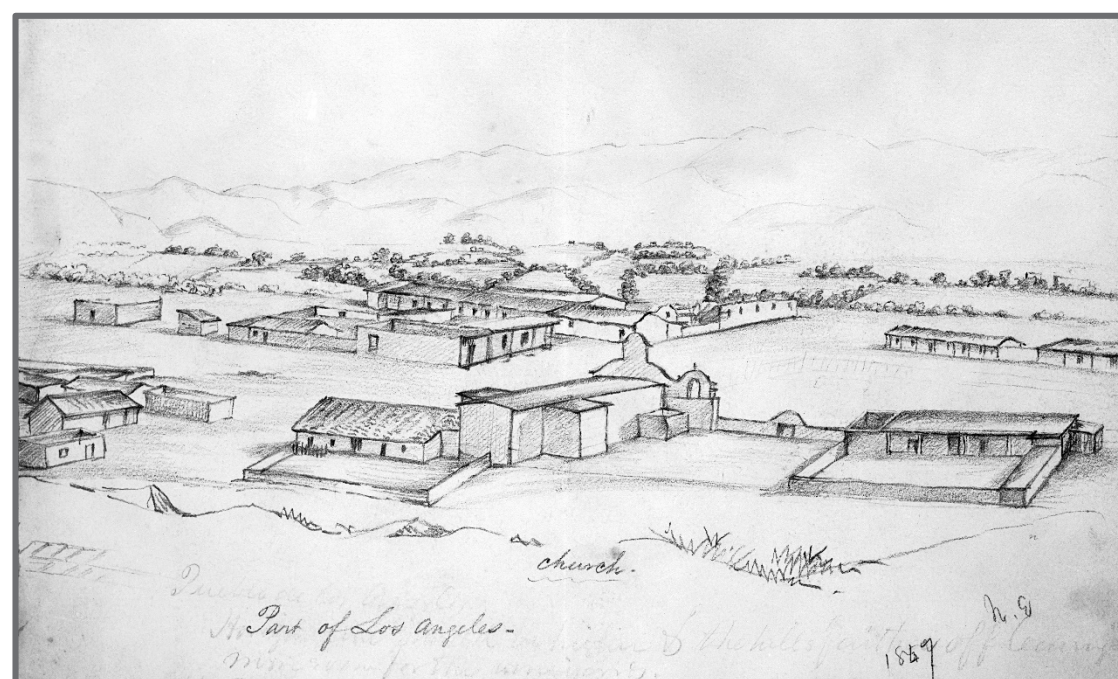
1910

1920

1930

1940

1781 El Pueblo de Los Angeles founded



Drawing by William Roth Huber, 1947, USC Digital Library

1850 California Statehood



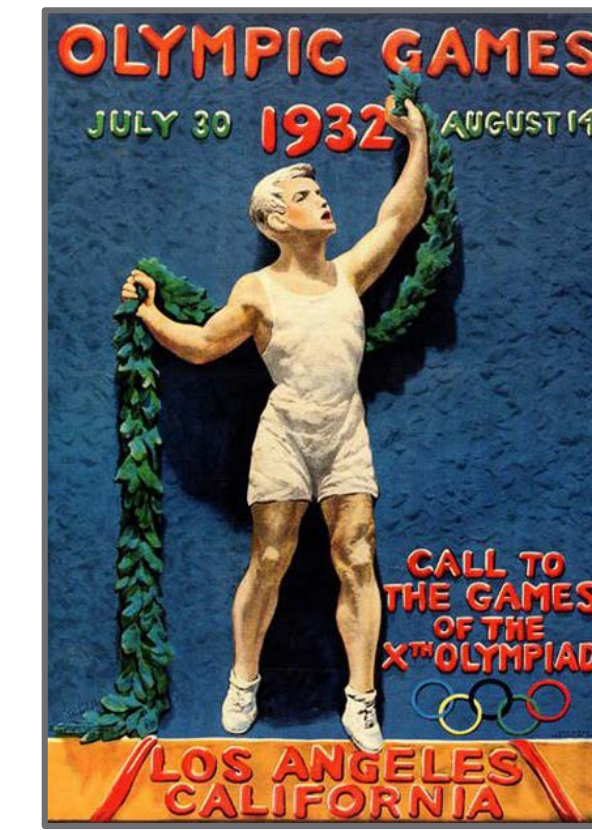
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1926 Los Angeles City Hall constructed



Cleveland Monitor, August-September 1931

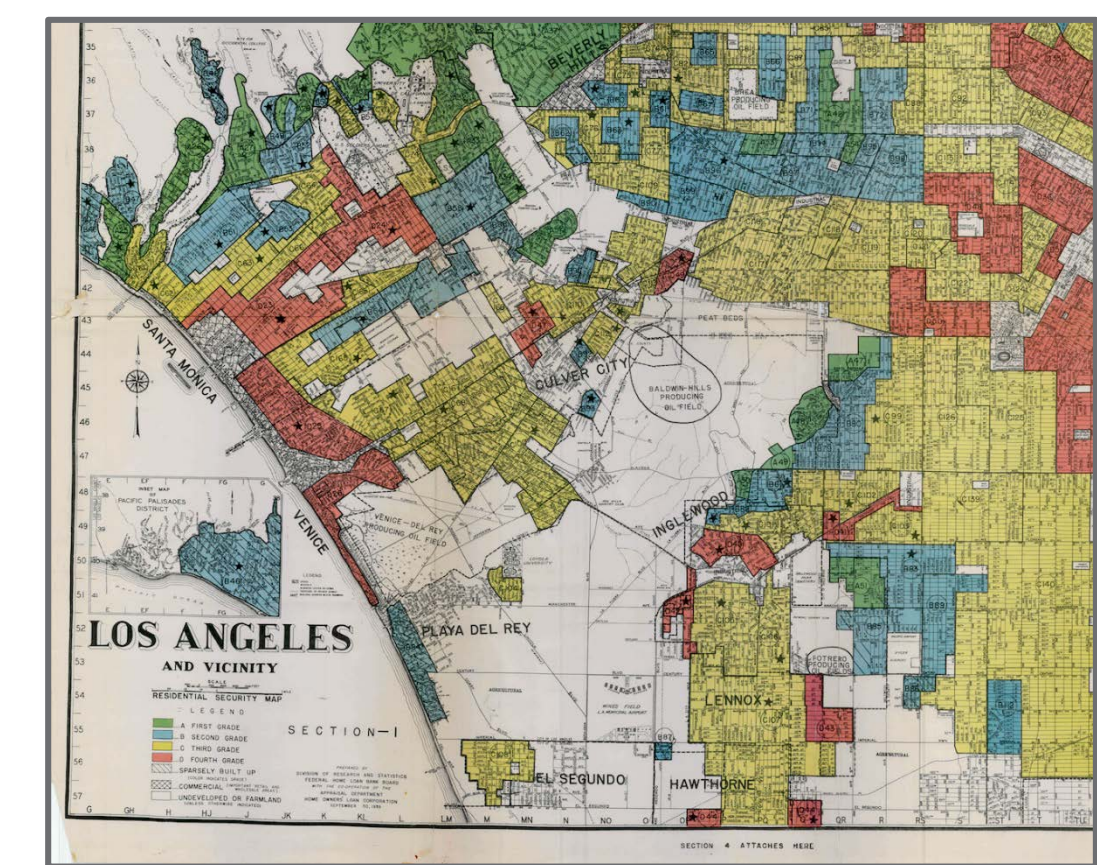
1932 LA hosts Olympic Games. Later, athletes' cottages are placed on the beach as a summer resort.



Olympic.org

1929 Stock Market Crash

1934 US Congress passes the National Housing Act, creating the Federal Housing Administration (FHA)



1939 HBC 'redlining' map of central Los Angeles, courtesy of LADWP, UrbanHistory.org

1941 Pearl Harbor bombed, US enters World War II

1945 End of World War II

Events Significant to the Development of the City of Los Angeles

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA

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