

Julia Morgan Center

Renovation and Restoration Background Information

The 100+ year old YWCA of the Harbor Area is a non-profit organization backed by a rich history of advocacy, with every program and activity based upon the mission “Eliminating Racism and Empowering Women”.

The original complex is at 437 W. 9th St in San Pedro, CA, where the Morgan House resides alongside a two story dorm style building. The Morgan House property was purchased and built in 1918 for approximately \$4,000.00 and the now dilapidated two story dorm was built in 1958.

The YWCA began as a community center and over the years has developed into a space where there are formal activities, dances, and a variety of much needed community serving programs. It has served as support to a domestic violence agency to help women and their children when there was nowhere else safe to go.

Today we are an organization that works to fight discrimination by helping women and girls through programs that empower women and eliminate racism. While the programs have changed and evolved over the last 30+ years our mission has remained the same. In recent years new and fine-tuned direct need programs were developed with a focus of sustainability, which is resulting in a direct, positive community impact.

Programs and Services

Food Distribution

Food Distribution is every Friday at 1:00pm. For the year 2021 we diverted well over ten tons of food from landfills to make close to 3000 bags of food of which 20% were for unhoused individuals with food items that did not require cooking. 80% of the food was given to families of at varying sizes and ages. Most participants travel with 1 or 2 miles, but some do travel up to 5-7 miles to collect food.

Workforce Development

A computer/technology lab was established to hold digital skills classes in English and Spanish. An initial ten week course provides good employment practices, life skills and information needed for participants to apply for employment and/or improve their computer skills for promotion or better employment opportunities. A second course has enrolled 28 participants.

Early Childhood Development Center

We have been running a child development center for about thirty years for sixty children that is also the childcare center for the Port of Los Angeles. Teachers are licensed and permitted to be able to care for and teach children up to five years old to prepare them for kindergarten. The Center takes care of children three months to five years old.

Mammogram Screening

A life-saving program for early detection of breast cancer. Screenings in partnership with Alinea Imaging serve around 300 clients. This service is critical to the health of the women in our community. We were also one of the first agencies to carry out screenings in English and Spanish language.

Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention

We coordinate relationships with local middle and high schools, to provide resources and already developed educational presentations for schools, PTA groups, cities, local hospitals, business and church groups. We also developed and produced the first See it End It Film and Arts Festival – bringing attention and education of human trafficking awareness and prevention through the medium of film and arts, with the support of expert panel discussions (law enforcement, writers/educators, health care providers, survivors, legislators, public officials and advocates)

Voter Education and Engagement Program

We are an established vote center, and provide open house hours for voter registration, questions and expanded information on site and through zoom workshops providing voter information and in partnership with League of Women's Voters.

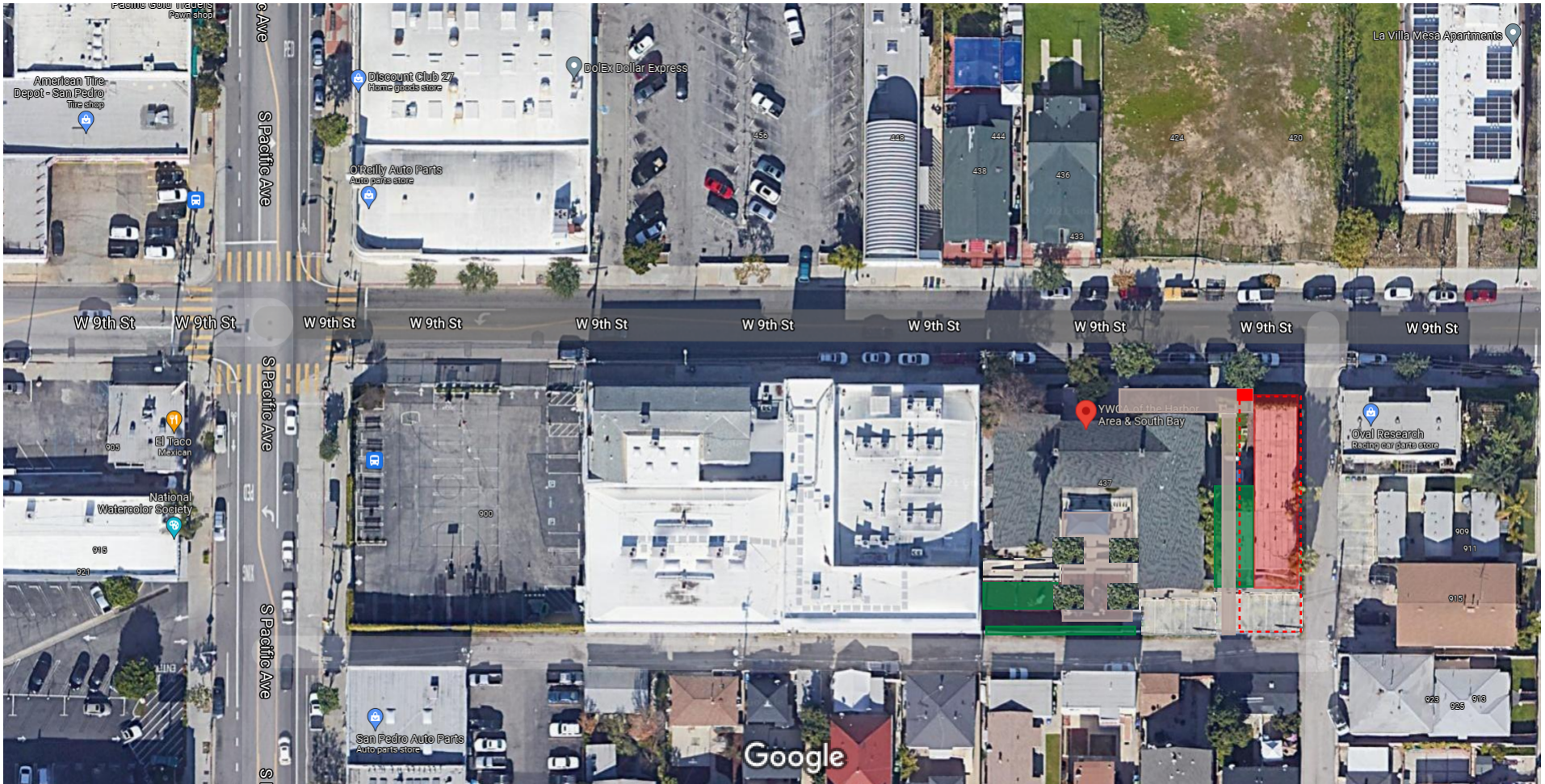
Julia's Closet

This enormously popular and thriving community serving thrift store operates on a donations-based inventory. Donations are currently accepted at the side building which is now used as temporary storage. There are 2-4 part time employees (depending on volume and need) and one full time employee that runs the Julia's Closet operation. The Second Chances Voucher Program runs out of Julia's Closet as well, where those in need can obtain a voucher for clothing and household items.

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Projected Needs and Funding Uses

- Renovate and restore the historic Julia Morgan designed YWCA Headquarters in San Pedro
- Demolish and replace the adjacent two-story dormitory
- Provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children
- Provide the food distribution program with refrigerated, vehicle accessible storage space
- Complete power and electrical upgrade to serve existing and future infrastructure needs
- ADA upgrades and improvements as required by law
- Create easy access donation receiving area with proper disinfecting space and storage capacity for Julia's Closet Thrift Store inventory
- Expand dedicated space for mammogram examinations and women's health clinic
- Add classrooms for workforce development, child care and afterschool programs
- Commercial kitchen to support hot meal programs and food truck distribution
- Dedicated space for our DIY furniture repair program
- Relocate existing administrative offices in Julia Morgan Building to expand space for community events and activities



Julia Morgan Historic Preservation

Approximately 6000 gsf Main Floor +
Approximately 1500 gsf Basement

New Construction = +/- 6000 gsf
Ground floor/ semi basement = approx 1800 gsf
Main floor = approximately 2200 gsf
2nd floor = approximately 3000 gsf

Site Improvements

5-8 parking spaces using alley as drive aisle = +/- 1200 gsf
Main Courtyard and ramp ReDo = 4000 gsf
Ground Floor plaza & stair = +/- 1000 gsf
Main level garden = +/- 1000 gsf