

# GROWING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN SOUTH L.A.

Youth Power, Community Innovation & School  
Partnerships

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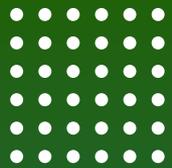
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# WHO WE ARE: GREEN HOUSE SOUTH L.A. & RCP YOUTH



- We are a 501(c)(3) rooted in Exposition Park, South Los Angeles and surrounding communities
- **Our Mission:**  
To build a safe, healthy, and opportunity-rich community where families can thrive.
- **Key Focus Areas:**
  - Youth development & education
  - Environmental & Social justice
  - Safe streets & mobility justice
  - Workforce Development in Clean Energy





# OUR CORE VALUES

-  **Community-Rooted Leadership:** Solutions grown from within the neighborhood.
-  **Youth Voice & Agency:** Empowering the next generation of leaders.
-  **Compassion:** Prioritizing the most vulnerable among us.
-  **Sustainability & Justice:** Fighting for a clean, equitable future.
-  **Diversity:** Celebrating cultural and socioeconomic richness.
-  **Beauty & Belonging:** Creating spaces of art, celebration, and safety.





# THE GREEN HOUSE SOUTH L.A.

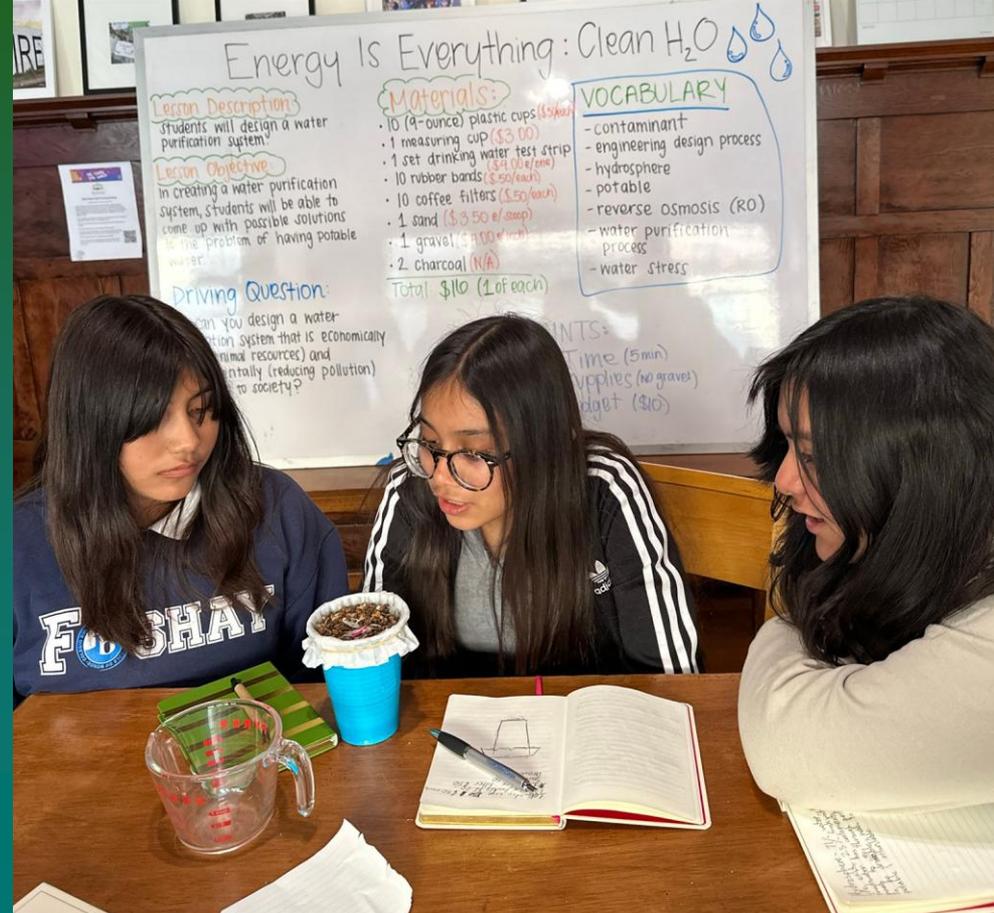
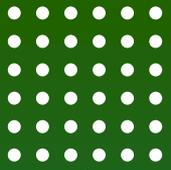
- A zero-emissions, community-powered resilience hub built and led by Kenneth Galbraith: a South L.A. electrician/Contractor-over 30 years of experience.
- We are a trusted afterschool program and workforce development hub that equips young people with academic support, leadership skills, and paths to meaningful careers.
- We serve as a safe place where youth gather when schools close due to L.A. fires, and a cooling center during extreme heat.
- We support families affected by ICE raids and provide essential resources through our food pantry and distribution center.
- The Green House strengthens our community with resources and **workshops on home electrification and energy efficiency.**



# GREEN HOUSE YOUTH PROGRAM:

## HANDS-ON SKILL BUILDING

- We give LAUSD students a safe, creative space to learn and lead in climate action, environmental & social justice
- Youth engage in:
  - Youth leadership development
  - Community Engagement
  - Climate Mitigation
  - Community Garden sustainability
  - Public speaking
- We provide 1 on 1 mentorship for all skills!



# WORKFORCE & GREEN JOBS PATHWAYS



Our training prepares students for careers in:



## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Educators, organizers, and advocates leading outreach and campaigns



## SUSTAINABILITY ROLES

Energy auditing, project coordination, green infrastructure assessment



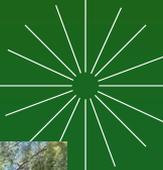
## TECHNICAL TRADES:

Electricians, solar installers, EV technicians



# NORMANDIE BEAUTIFUL

- Prompted by a tragic pedestrian fatality, students launched a campaign calling for tangible improvements.
- **Youth-Led Demands:**
  - Pedestrian safety features
  - Improved street lighting
  - Greening & beautification
  - Safe routes for all students
- This is youth designing the future of their neighborhood.
- As a result, the initiative secured a large public grant \$27 million to fund the project.





# THE SAFE STRIDES INITIATIVE

Led by youth leaders Isabella Galbraith, Emily Salazar, & Jaida Morrissette.

After witnessing traffic violence on high-injury corridors like Normandie Avenue, students:

- Designed a student-led mobility justice model
- Conducted walk audits
- Presented recommendations at regional and national levels
- Earned endorsement from Region South Superintendent Dr. Andre Spicer

LAUSD students are redefining what environmental health advocacy looks like!





# YOUTH ADVOCACY IN ACTION:

Our students advocate directly with:

- Elected officials & legislators
- School leaders & administrators
- City & state agencies

## Goal:

Ensure that safe streets, clean air, and climate resilience are prioritized in policy and budget decisions.





# OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

## TRAINING:

Advance student-designed cooling, greening, & traffic-calming projects

## INFRASTRUCTURE:

Prepare 200+ youth annually for green trades & climate careers

## LEADERSHIP:

Scale youth climate leadership & advocacy across LAUSD

## EXPANSION:

Launch Greenhouse hubs near local schools





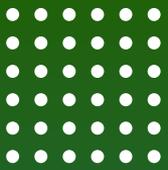
# HOW THIS WORK STRENGTHENS LAUSD'S CLIMATE & STUDENT SUCCESS GOALS

- **CTE Alignment:** Hands-on electrification & sustainability training fits district CTE pathways
- **Student Safety:** Youth street-safety work supports safe routes initiatives
- **Climate Resilience:** Students' heat and air-quality recommendations align with LAUSD's climate goals
- **Workforce Development:** Prepares students for clean-energy careers





# LOOKING AHEAD: OUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT



The Green House South L.A. and Redeemer Community Partnership remain committed to:

- Expanding hands-on sustainability and green-trades learning for youth
- Supporting student-led climate leadership and advocacy
- Strengthening community resilience through education, art, and innovation
- Elevating youth voices in conversations about safety, mobility, and environmental justice
- Continuing to collaborate with schools, families, and local partners

**Our goal is to keep building a South L.A. where every student has access to safe streets, clean air, and opportunities to thrive.**

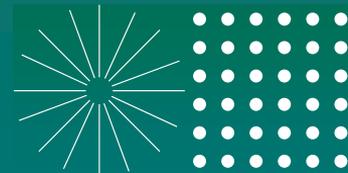
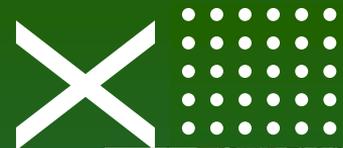
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# THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Greenhouse South L.A.

Together, we can continue creating a future where South L.A. youth lead, innovate, and shape a climate-ready city.

**Any questions or comments?**

