LEIMERT PARK VILLAGE
African American Cultural and Conference Center

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Empowerment Congress Art & Culture Committee

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LEIMERT PARK VILLAGE TODAY
WHAT WE HAVE

- VISION THEATER
- WORLD STAGE
- DRUM CIRCLE
10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

2007 MASTER PLAN

1. Renovate/re-open the Vision Theatre
2. Preserve the Afrocentric feel and cultural entities
3. Preserve the pedestrian-oriented, village-like scale, and Art Deco architecture
4. Provide both specialty and general goods & services
5. Provide new library and/or cultural facility
6. Improve security and maintenance
7. Build live/work housing (if developed)
8. Aid the retention of existing tenants
9. Promote equity/ownership opportunities and ongoing community involvement in future development
10. Enhance regional draw and visibility for the district
REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY IN CONTEXT

■ TRANSIT
REGIONAL CONECTIVITY IN CONTEXT

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#DESTINATION CRENSHAW
Purpose and Need

- Black Tourism Dollars = $63 Billion
- Black Conference and Convention Dollars = $8 Billion
- Conferences ($)
- Conventions ($)
- Weddings ($)
- Meetings ($)
- Lectures ($)
- Exhibits
- Screenings
- Festivals
- Community Space
Vision: A self sufficient and sustainable Cultural Living Room housed in an iconic architectural landmark symbolizing the brilliance and resilience of the African American experience.
Where can we have these conversations?

'Pop' by Fahamu Pecou
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Programmatic Elements

- Galleries and Conference Rooms
- Performance/ Lecture Hall
- Cultural Gift Shop
- Gourmet Restaurant
- Catering Kitchen
- Screening Room
- Administrative Offices
- Exhibit Support Space
- Commercial Lease Space (2 to 4 Floors)
- Outdoor Space
- Parking
Goals & Objectives

Education: History, Culture, Current Events
Training: Catering/Hospitality, Museum Curation
Employment: Museum, Restaurant, Administration, Building Maintenance, Retail, Event Planning

Potential Partnerships
Vision Theatre
Museum of African American Art
The Mayme Clayton Library & Museum
Barbara Morison Jazz Museum
Catering School
Museum Curating School
Art & Practice
CREATIVE VISIONS

by

ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS

2016 NOMA Student Design Competition
National Organization of Minority Architects
University of Illinois Champagne Urbana
University of Virginia
Kansas State University
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Michigan
Auburn University
ORGANIZATIONAL DIAGRAM
VISION THEATER - CULTURAL CENTER
LONGITUDINAL SECTION
WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

- SPIRIT OF COOPERATION