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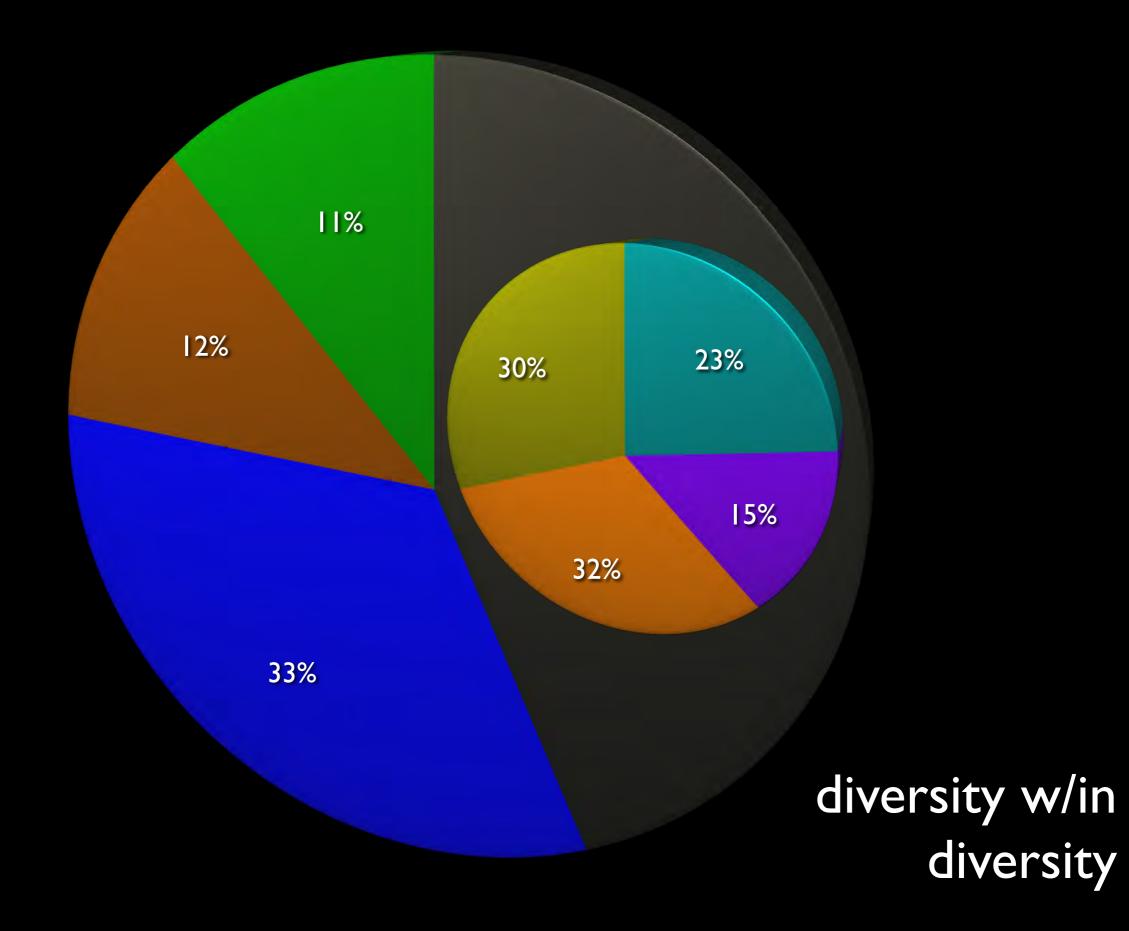
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schools with limited resources

underserved communities

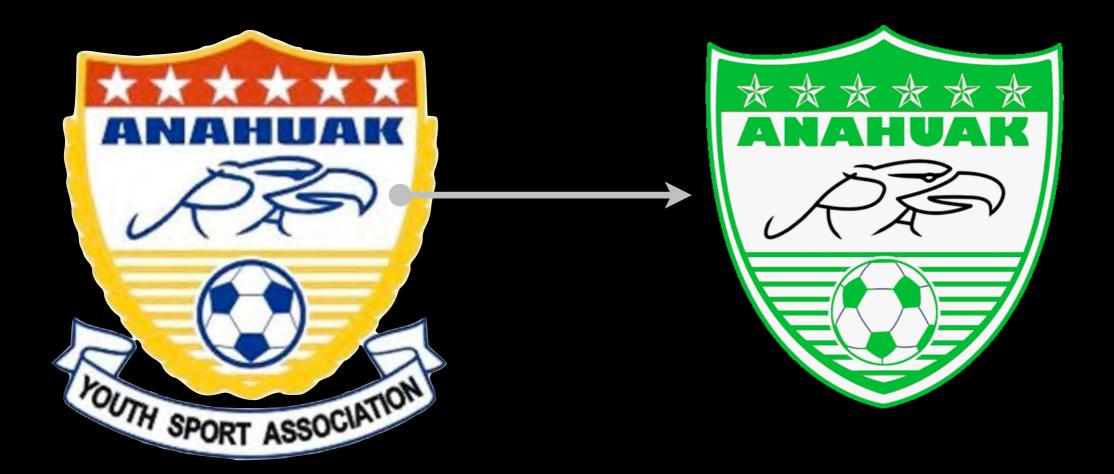
UNEMPLOYMENT

tough economy

historical distrust w/ current betrayal

VIOLENT CRIME

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the connection

























RAUL MACIAS FUTSAL COURT

AT THE LOS ANGELES RIVER CENTER AND GARDENS

RAUL MACIAS



A native of Guadalajara Mexico, Raul Macias founded Anahuak Youth Sports Association in 1997 to give children in communities close to the Los Angeles River in Northeast Los Angeles opportunities to succeed through soccer. Under Raul's direction, today, more than 2,000 boys and girls ages 5-17 and their families participate in Anahuak's recreation and environmental programs and promote positive change in their neighborhoods.

Un Nativo de Guadalajara México, Raúl Macias fundó La Asociación De Deportes Juveniles Anahuak en 1997 para darle a niños y niñas en comunidades cerca del Río en el Noreste de Los Angeles oportunidades para sobresalir por medio del



fútbol. Bajo la dirección de Raúl, hoy, mas de 2.000 niños y niñas entre las edades 5-17 y sus familias, participan en los programas de recreación y ambientales de Anahuak y promueven cambios positivos en sus vecindarios.

CISTERN · Collects rainwater to use later to water plants • Holds 250 gallons of water

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• Recoge el aqua de lluvia para uso posterior para poner aqua ha as plantas • Ocupa 250 galones de aqua

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HE \mathbf{z} SYNTHETIC TURF • Does not need watering No pesticides or fertilizers that pollute the environment Saves more than 200,000 gallons of water each year CÉSPED SINTÉTICO No es necesario el riego
Sin pesticidas o fertilizantes que contaminan el medio ambiente m D A horra mas de 200,000 gallones de agua cada anõ ດ PUMP NATIVE PLANTS ΡΟΜΡΑ • Don't need much water

• Attract hummingbirds and other birds

PLANTAS NATIVAS

• No necesita mucha agua

• Atraer colibríes y otra saves

para regar las plantas

RAINWATER is collected and stored to water plants

EL AGUA DE LLUVIA se recoge y se pone en reserva

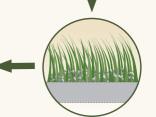
The Raul Macias Futsal court is more than just a fun place to play soccer. It is a friend to the environment.

El corte de Raul Macias Futsal es algo más que un lugar divertido para jugar al fútbol. Es un amigo para el medio ambiente.

RECYCLED SHOES MAKE "SOIL" ZAPATOS RECICLADOS HACEN TIERRA







Infill for turf to make the blades stand up and feel like real grass Relleno para césped para hacer las hojas de pie y se siente como césped real



WATER COLLECTION TROUGH • Collects rainwater from the field

CANAL PARA COLECCIÓN DE AGUA • Recoge el agua de llavia desde el campo

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Nike Let Me Play Surface This surface is part of 84 total surfaces donated o relurbished by Nike and the LA84 Foundation in the Los Angele

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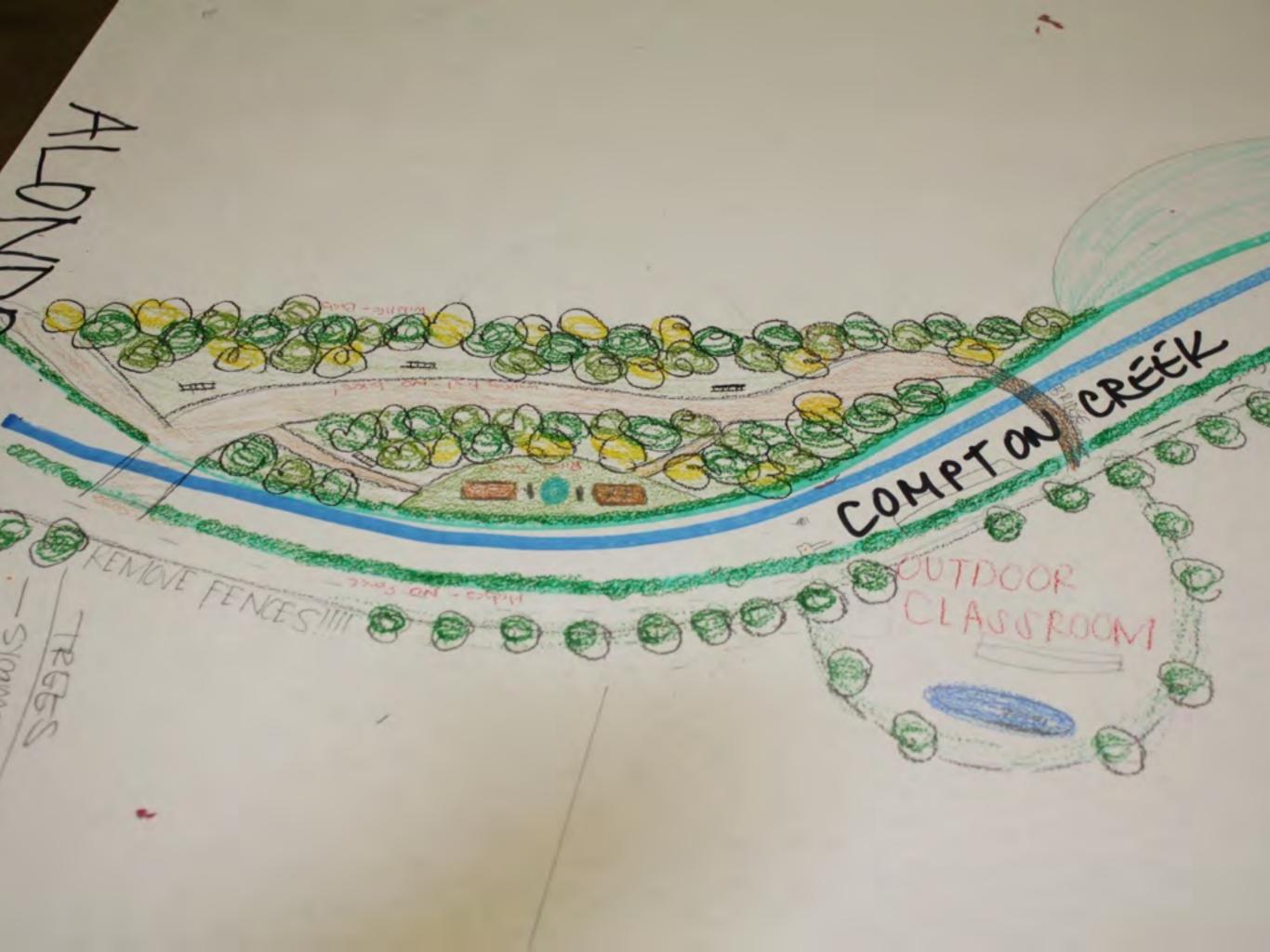






















































do's and don'ts

don't

use a free translation program online

enter a community with a cookie cutter approach

spend all your money on expensive colorful flyers and papers that will end up in the trash

create meetings for the community to come to

do

pay for a good translator that understands the culture you are trying to reach

spend time and money on community reconnaissance

hire from within the community and work with local knowledge - goto person

coordinate with the community to have them host you



underestimate the teaching power of a child

come to a community meeting empty handed

turn down an invitation from the community

underestimate community knowledge



include youth in all your activities

share a personal anecdote, raffle something

always say "YES" when invited to eat by a community member

advocate to existing boards to value community knowledge as much as they would the ability to bring in funding avoid the sling-shot boomerang outreach approach

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