



# CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY

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## REVIEW OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY BENEFITS

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

*-Watershed Coordinators Presentation-*



# Purpose

1. Review the “Interim Disadvantaged Community Programming Guidelines.”
2. Explore the location of awarded projects and current projects under consideration in relation to disadvantaged communities.
3. Inform WASC decision-making regarding direct benefits to disadvantaged communities.
4. Inform WASC decision-making regarding community engagement and support.



# Takeaway

- This slide deck is a resource for the WASC to reference when reviewing Round 3 projects.

## Interim Disadvantaged Community Programming Guidelines

### Safe, Clean Water Program

Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies in the Regional Program



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#### Purpose

Experience to-date in the Regional Program reveals that aspects of Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) related to providing Disadvantaged Community Benefits require further guidance to better support achieving the outcomes sought. The SCWP emphasizes investments that produce benefits in or directly to disadvantaged communities. Complying with the Disadvantaged Community Benefit policy in the Program is complex, and asserting what benefits accrue to which communities is not easily quantified.

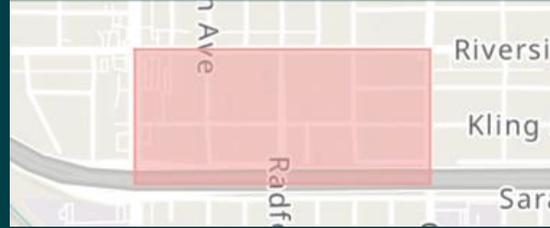
As of May 2021, the District Program is developing a study which, among many things, will review how other funding programs that direct investment in disadvantaged communities have worked to overcome the many challenges that remain when seeking to implement the SCWP policy. That study will inform future guidance, currently expected in the Spring of 2022, in support of Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) development in the Regional Program for Year 4 (2022-23).

Available on the website under “Regional Program”

[safecleanwaterla.org/regional-program-2/](https://safecleanwaterla.org/regional-program-2/)

# Program Definitions

“**Disadvantaged community**’ means a census block group that has an annual median household income of less than eighty percent (80%) of the Statewide annual median household income (as defined in Water Code section 79505.5).” (Section 16.03(H))



Example of a Census Block Group in the ULAR

“**Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Benefit**’ means a Water Quality Benefit, Water Supply Benefit, and/or Community Investment Benefit located in a DAC or providing benefits directly to a DAC population.” (Section 16.03(I))

“Water Quality Benefit”



“Water Supply Benefit”



“Community Investment Benefit”



# CSMB Disadvantaged Community Allocation

To date, the CSMB SIPs have met and exceeded required investment in disadvantaged communities.

## DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY (DAC) ALLOCATION

Required DAC Ratio	50%
Required Funding for DACs FY21-26 (110%)	\$ 28,988,114
Funding Allocated for DACs FY21-26	\$ 31,093,162

Source: CSMB 21-22 SIP

## SCW DAC Policy Reminder:

Provide Disadvantaged Community Benefits that are  $\geq 110\%$  of the ratio of the disadvantaged community population to the total population in the Watershed Area. (Section 18.04 (J))

# Projects provide a Disadvantaged Community Benefit if:

1. **Any of the construction effort** is within a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community

OR

1. **None** of the construction effort is within a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community **BUT it provides a “direct benefit”** to a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community.

# What Counts as a “Direct Benefit?”

Whether a Project provides a “direct benefit” will be **a decision made by WASCs on a project-by-project basis**, considering:

- the goals of the SCWP,
- the benefits provided to the community by each Project, and
- the area within which those benefits will be felt.

# How Can you as a WASC Validate Direct Benefits?

**Hearing from community members** is the best way to validate a direct benefit.

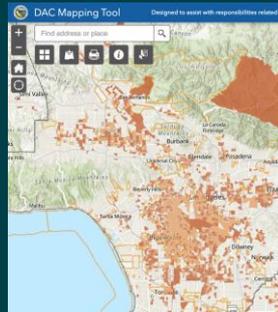
Other Possible Considerations:

## Adjacency:



Some projects are near disadvantaged block groups.

## External Datasets:



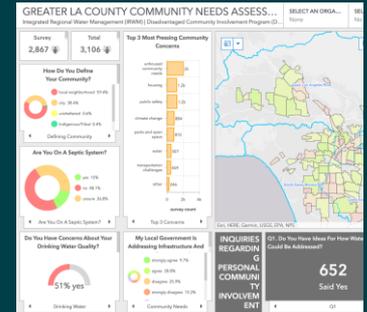
Other Census data (DWR DAC Mapping Tool)



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LA County RPOSD Park Needs Assessment

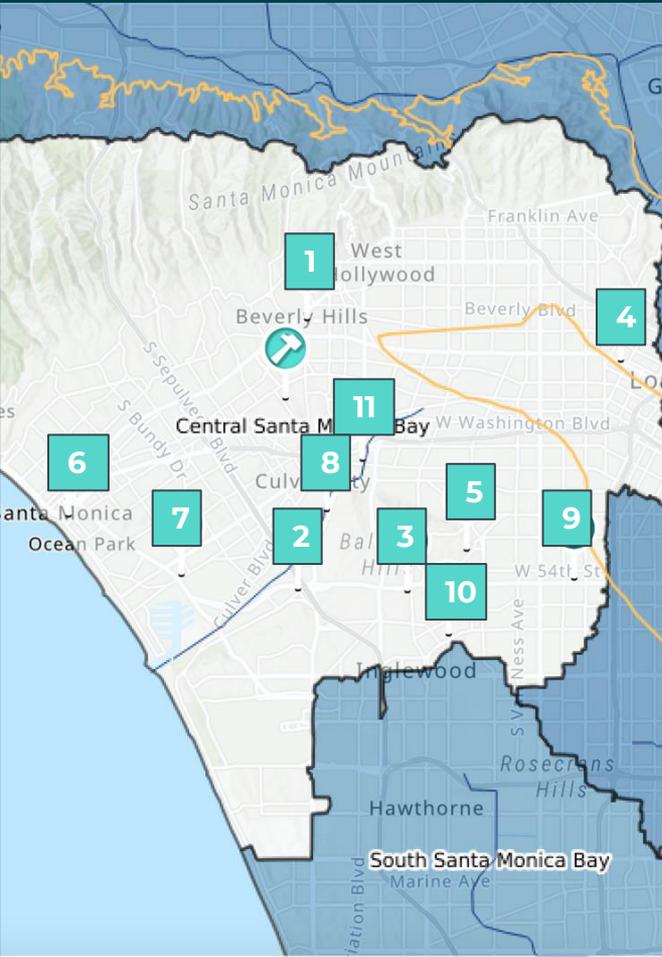


IRWM DAC Involvement Program Greater LA County Needs Assessment

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# **SUMMARY OF PROJECTS FUNDED**

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#	Project	DAC Benefit	In DAC Block Group
1	Beverly Hills Burton Way Green Street (IP)	No	No
2	Culver City Mesmer Low Flow Diversion (IP)	No	No
3	Ladera Park Stormwater Improvements (IP)	No	No
4	MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation Project (IP)	Yes	Yes
5	Monteith Park and View Park Green Alley (IP)	Yes	No
6	Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (IP)	No	No
7	Washington Blvd Stormwater Diversion (IP)	No	No
8	Ballona Creek TMDL (IP)	No	No
9	Slauson Connect Clean Water Project (IP)	Yes	Yes
10	Edward Vincent Jr Park (TRP)	Yes	No
11	Syd Kronenthal Park (TRP)	Yes	No

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# **SUMMARY OF PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

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# DAC Benefits Framework

## 3 “Buckets”

Projects Located Within a 2018 Disadvantaged Census Block Group (thus expressly benefit a DAC)



Projects NOT Located Within a 2018 Disadvantaged Census Block Group and NOT Claiming a DAC Benefit



Projects NOT Located Within a 2018 Disadvantaged Census Block Group but ARE Claiming a DAC Benefit



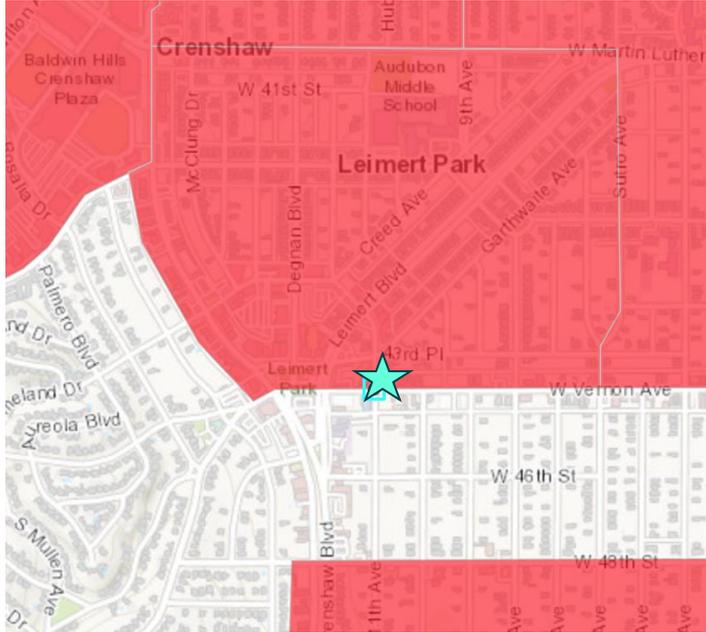


Submitted 22/23 Projects  
Located Within a 2018 Disadvantaged  
Census Block Group

**Suggested Action:** None. If implemented, expressly provide disadvantaged community benefits according to Safe, Clean Water Program Guidelines

**Lead:** LASan

**Funding Requested:** \$8.4 M



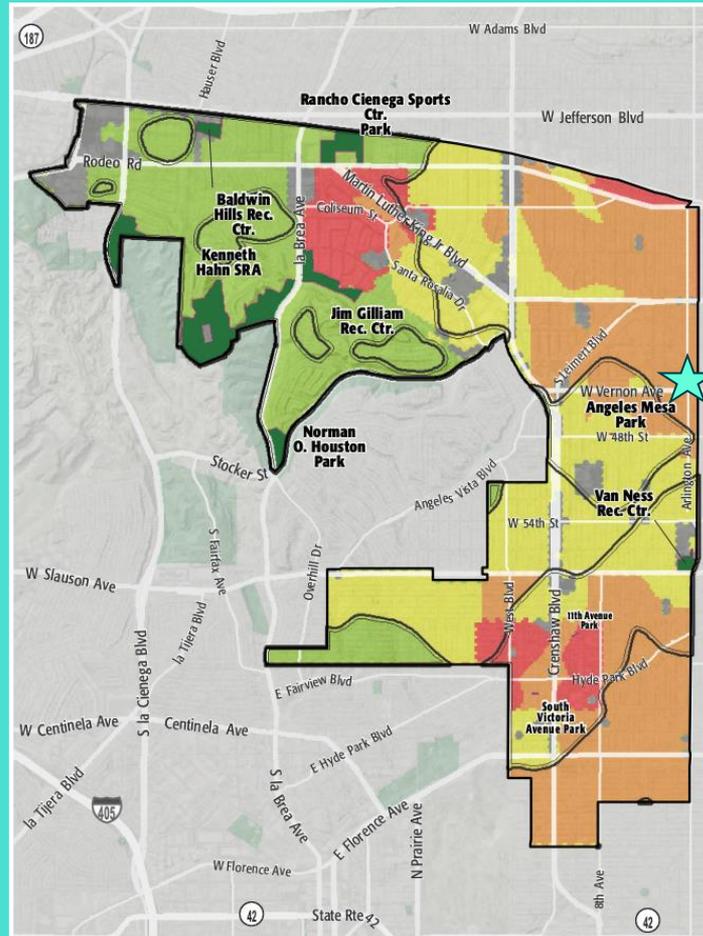
Disadvantaged community census block groups (2018)

Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group?	Yes
Does application claim DAC benefit?	Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score	79th

**Provides direct disadvantaged community benefit according to SCWP guidelines**



**Park Need:** Moderate - High



### PARK NEED CATEGORY

- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Very Low
- No Population
- Area within 1/2 mile walk of a park

### HOW MANY PEOPLE NEED PARKS?



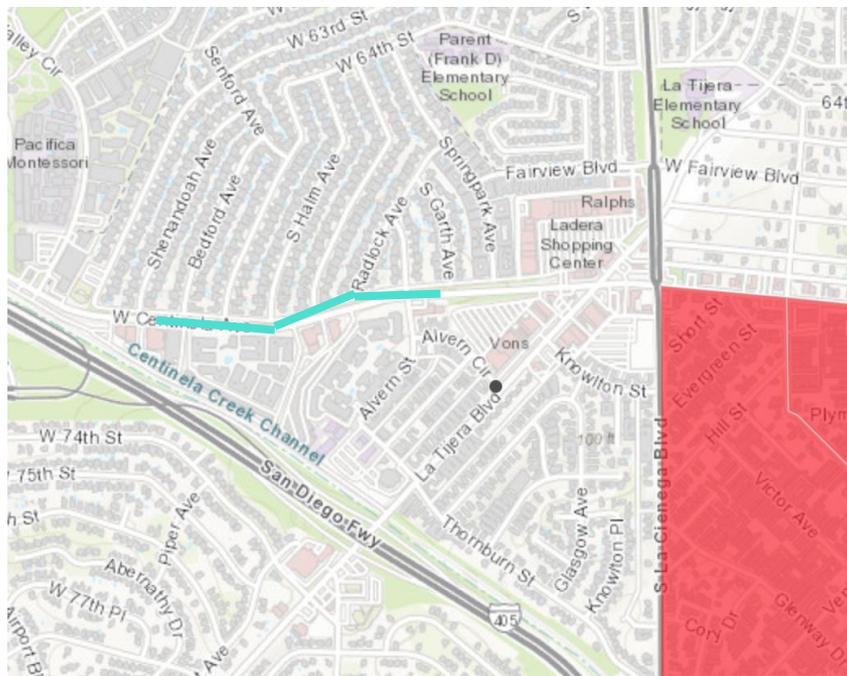


Submitted 22/23 Projects  
NOT Located Within and NOT Claiming  
Benefits to a Disadvantaged  
Census Block Group

**Suggested Action:** None. No further assessment required by WASC regarding disadvantaged community benefit.

**Lead:** LA County Public Works

**Funding Requested:** \$500,000



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2018)

Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group?	No
Does application claim DAC benefit?	No
CalEnviroScreen Score	47th

**No direct benefit to a disadvantaged community claimed by applicant.**



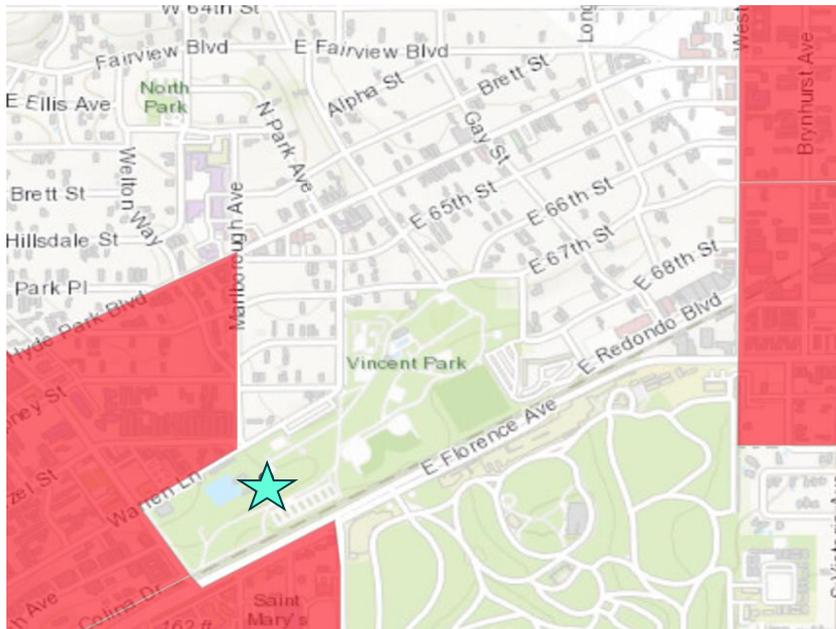


Submitted 22/23 Projects  
NOT Located Within and ARE Claiming  
Benefits to a 2018 Disadvantaged  
Census Block Group

**Suggested Action:** Up to the WASC's discretion to validate whether these projects would provide direct benefit to disadvantaged communities if implemented.

**Lead:** City of Inglewood

**Funding Requested:** \$4.27 M



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2018)

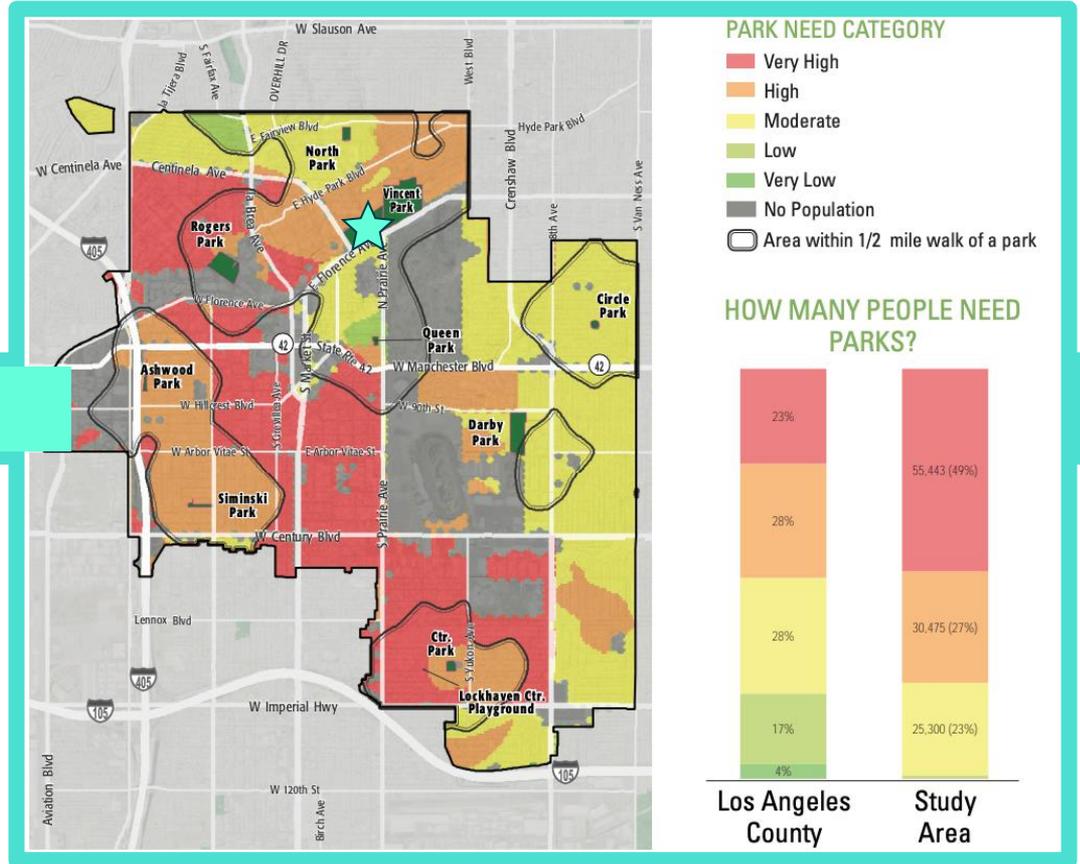
Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group?	No
Does application claim DAC benefit?	Yes
Distance to nearest DAC (mi)	0
CalEnviroScreen Score	87th

#### DAC Benefits Described in Application:

- Adjacent DAC block groups will benefit from enhanced park and improved public health from decreased pollution.
- Located in Inglewood, a census designated DAC
- Water quality benefits to downstream DACs

**WASC to validate direct benefit to a disadvantaged community.**

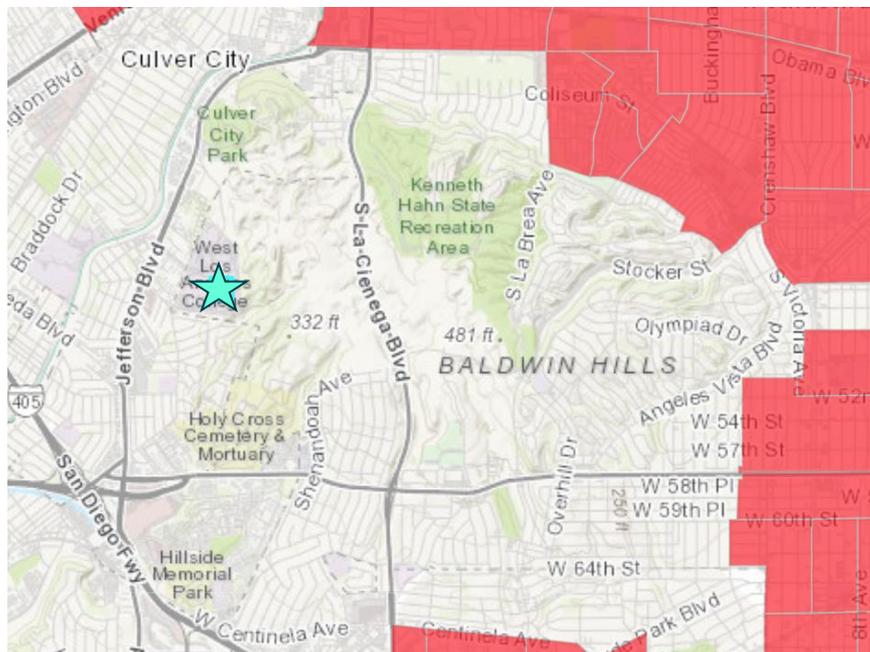
**Park Need:** Moderate - High



Source: LA County Park Needs Assessment (2016)

**Lead:** Los Angeles Community College District & BuildLACCD

**Funding Requested:** \$399,967



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2018)

Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group?	No
Does application claim DAC benefit?	Yes
Distance to nearest DAC (mi)	1.25
CalEnviroScreen Score	48th

#### DAC Benefits Described in Application:

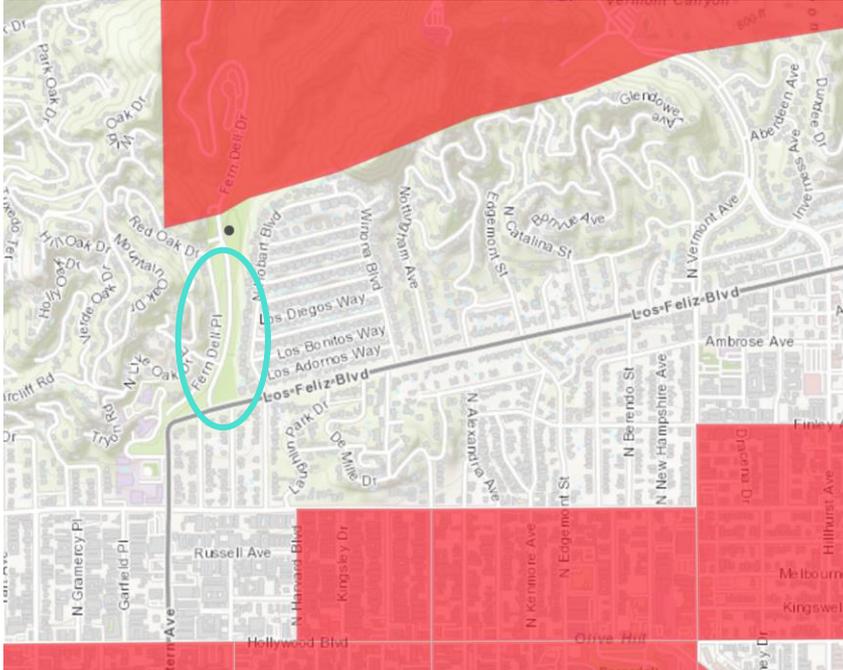
- West Los Angeles College serves the disadvantaged communities near its campus
- Based on LACCD records, approximately 55.2% of WLAC students received the College California College Promise Grant (CCPG), which is qualified for on the basis of income.

**WASC to validate direct benefit to a disadvantaged community.**



**Lead:** Friends of Griffith Park

**Funding Requested:** \$300,000



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2018)

Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group?	No
Does application claim DAC benefit?	Yes
Distance to nearest DAC (mi)	0.55
CalEnviroScreen Score	40th

#### DAC Benefits Described in Application:

- Located within .55 miles of a DAC
- Located less than 0.5-miles of the LA Metro Red Line.
- Enhance recreation & gathering spaces at a free of charge space.

**WASC to validate direct benefit to a disadvantaged community.**

