



Website Public Comments

April 09, 2026

English Public Comments

Anonymous – September 25, 2025

I would love to have a space that is committed to bridging the cultures past and present that have called SELA their home. I want the center to be a place of deep reverence for all the forms our cultures have taken across history, not a place formed (with good intentions) to honor only what our advisory council may have experienced of SELA in their lifetime. I want the center to be a place to help support our community's understanding of the many histories of what we now call SELA across time including the colonial period, rancherias, WWI, freeways, WWII, White flight, deindustrialization, and the war on drugs, to name a few. The SELA cultural center is an opportunity to materially support the people indigenous to the lands we have all called home, and acknowledge the ways cultural change here is shaped by legacies of exploitation. While not a religious space, I feel it is important to connect with religious institutions within SELA to ensure we support cultural arts and histories with specificity and acknowledgement of the relationship between cultures. Even in cases where members may not live immediately locally to their place of worship, it is prescient that at one time in SELA they established themselves here; they are part of our community's history and culture. Put differently, the cultural center is an opportunity to highlight how connected SELA is to other parts of the city, county, metro area, and in the case of immigrant communities, to their homelands and diasporic communities. In my own city, the Downey Historical Society, a local repository of history relevant to SELA is struggling to be housed within our city library system; how many other similar groups exist across SELA that we can bring together in the cultural center? Why not create both extensive archive and collective future?

Anonymous – September 25, 2025

Would love to see local Latinx artists have the opportunity curate art exhibitions. Solo shows and group shows.

Anonymous – December 23, 2025

With all the bad odors in Lynwood and South Gate lately, I'm concerned it will turn people off about this really important project. How is this project planning to address this issue before it becomes a bigger problem? I want this project to be a success but these odor issues need resolution.

Anonymous – January 25, 2026

We should emphasize that Southeast Los Angeles has a deep and vibrant cultural history shaped by people from all over the world. This project is a celebration of everyone. While I am a proud Hispanic American, even the logo itself uses a Mexican inspired motif, which reflects just one part of our story. Southeast Los Angeles is also home to rich Black, White, Asian, and European communities, all of which have helped shape its identity. Diversity is not something to overlook. It is our greatest strength.

Spanish Public Comments

Jaqueline Pasillas – August 24, 2025

Hola Mi nombre es Jaqueline Pasillas tengo 48 años de edad a mi me encanta realizar todo tipo de manualidades tambien realizo bordado qué aprendí a aser desde niña hago anillos de alambre, aretes, pinto y desde ase 3 años quise salir de casa a compartir con la comunidad de Sela en especifico en Bell Gardens y sus alrededores todo este conjunto de actividades que en lo particular ami me an ayudado para salir de mis ansiedades depresiones soledad y tristeza. no soy profesional no e estudiado para esto pero si lo realizo con el corazón y me pongo a su disposición si en algún momento pudiese exponer mi «Arte» o dar algún taller para que la comunidad disfrute de los bellos veneficios qué las manualidades traen a la Lalud mental, emocional y física al desarrollar cada uno su creatividad se dan cuenta de los talentos escondidos que llevan dentro de ante mano gracias

Marta Jimenez – August 30, 2025

SELA does not need a very expensive mini Walt Disney concert hall for classical music – this is is not culturally relevant and deaf tone to the SELA community. We need a kiosko and outdoor stage to enjoy music and cultural that is representative of SELA!