



Meeting #11

August 22, 2026

COMMUNITY EVENT SUMMARY

Introduction

On August 22, 2026, the SELA Cultural Center Advisory Panel (Panel) participated in a community event from 10am – 1pm at Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Avenue, Bell, CA 90201.

At previous meetings, the Panel expressed interest in hosting a community event to engage with community members who may be unfamiliar with the Cultural Center project and Advisory Panel process, as well as to demonstrate what the future Cultural Center could look like. The community engagement event was in-person only and open to the public. Over 200 community members from the Southeast Los Angeles region attended.

The project support team included representatives from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) and Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG). Members from the project support team present included Jennifer Cabrera (State Parks), Olivia Chiu (State Parks), Brittney Lu-Jones (MIG), Emilio Garcia-Corona (MIG), Esmeralda García (MIG), Sara Marquez (MIG), and Sara Perez Rojas (MIG).

Members of the Panel present included:

Director Armando Quintero, Chair, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Danaly Leon, Latinas Art Foundation
Diana Morales, SELA Arts Foundation
Dilcia Barrera, Arts Organization Executive
Gabriel Enamorado, Stay Arts
Kristin Sakoda, Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture
Mark Flores, City of Lynwood Recreation and Community Services Department

Members of the Panel absent included:

Cynthia Fuentes, LA Philharmonic

Daritz Perez, Co-Chair, on behalf of Supervisor Janich Hahn

Kimberly Morales Johnson, San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Tribal Representative

Montserrat Hidalgo, SELA Youth Representative

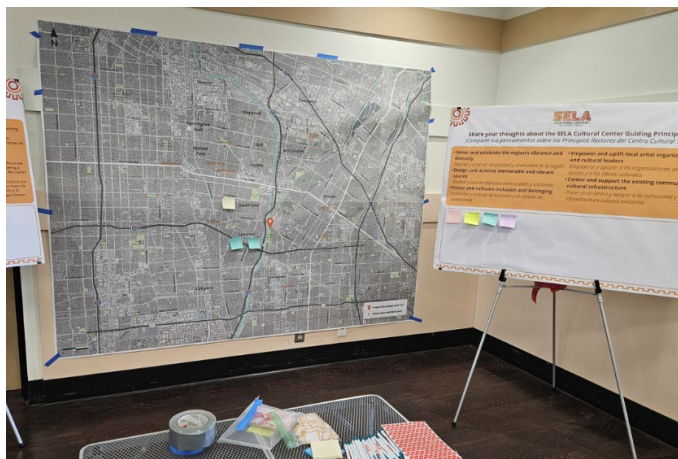
Please note the record of the meeting is provided via video recordings. The video recordings and all information is posted at selaculturalcenter.org and on Instagram via [@selaculturalcenter](https://www.instagram.com/selaculturalcenter).

SELA Cultural Center Exhibits

Inside the Bell Community Center Auditorium, a series of interactive displays were used to share information and validate feedback with community members. Interactive and visual displays included:

- Vision and Mission Statements
- Guiding Principles
- Programming Priorities
- Cultural Asset Mapping Activity
- Project Site Map
- Project Floor Plan and Rendering
- Project Timeline

Community members were able to engage with the displays to confirm the vision, mission, and guiding principles, provide feedback on programming priorities, add cultural treasures to the cultural asset mapping activity, and learn more about the early concepts for the Cultural Center. Community members shared their feedback on programming options (e.g. movement classes for all ages, theater, film, concerts) and favorite places in SELA (e.g. Plaza Mexico).



SELA Artist Workshops

Simultaneously, nine artist workshops were hosted inside and outside of the Bell Community Center Auditorium. All workshops were hosted by local artists, featured a variety of creative mediums, and were free to participating community members. Artist workshops included:

- Book booth with Libros con Alma
- Button making workshop with Stay Arts Teaching Artists Team
- Clay workshop with Manu Garcia
- Creative restore art cart booth with Art Garden Restore
- Collage workshop with Elizabeth Uribe
- Drawing portraits workshop with Oscar Rodriguez
- Pinwheel stories workshop with Latinas Art Foundation Teaching Artists Team
- Print postcard workshop with Xitlalic Guijosa-Osuna
- Watercolor painting workshop with Josie Vasquez

SELA Artist Performances

Outside at the Bell Community Center Courtyard, one panel discussion and six artist performances took place. These performances were hosted throughout the event, featured a variety of performing arts disciplines, and were free to participating community members. Artist performances included:

- The Social Primate Podcast, moderated by Eddie Aguirre featuring Director Armando Quintero, Diana Morales, and Kristin Sakoda on the Advisory Panel
- Ely Lupe, Poetry
- Latinas Art Foundation, Ballet Folklorico
- Profesor Galactico, Band
- Solany Lara, Poetry
- The Place on Rugby, Band
- Xitlalic Guijosa-Osuna, Poetry

Photos and videos of the event can be found online at selaculturalcenter.org and on social media @selaculturalcenter.