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CITY OF ANGELS

From the outside, Los Angeles might seem like a blur of brake lights and broken dreams, but I encourage you to visit and stay for a while. You'll notice an energy and open mindedness with streets and hearts who refuse to take no for an answer. Despite the infamous traffic and sprawl, Los Angelenos are rallying together to create change. There are more people connecting and creating community than ever before. I believe LA's commitment to finally transforming our transportation has made those connections possible.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE THAT IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

With initiatives like **LA2050** (uniting people for change), metro rail lines connecting Eastside hipsters to Westside surfers, and events like **CicLAvia** (bringing walkers and bikers into the streets), LA is creating true change. www.la2050.org / www.ciclaviala.org

I am also continually blown away and inspired by the **Social Justice Learning Institute (SJLI)** and have been honored to be a part of their initiative, 100 Seeds of Change. Through this initiative, the SJLI is transforming Inglewood by installing 100 homes and community gardens. They are also working with local government to implement Inglewood's first farmer's market and making steps to reduce their carbon footprint. www.sjli-cp.org

DON'T MISS EATING

If you're like me and like dessert before lunch, then you should head to **Peddler's Creamery**. Simply put, they make ice cream with bikes. More eloquently, they produce bicycle-churned organic ice cream, promote local causes, and much more. www.peddlerscreamery.com

WHAT BUSINESSES DO YOU SUPPORT?

Another place I seem to spend all my money at is **The Giving Keys**. You can buy these pay-it-forward gifts at locations throughout SoCal, but also online. Each key has an engraved inspirational word and is a gift intended to be re-gifted. This company is doubly good because they exist to employ people transitioning out of homelessness. www.thegivingkeys.com

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

From the driver's seat of the **Do Good Bus**, it's been inspiring to see the overwhelming amount of organizations and individuals coming together to create change in Los Angeles with grassroots groups like **LA Guerrilla Gardening** and innovative gatherings like **Women in Green**. Both of which are working to beautify Los Angeles via illicit gardens and sustainable building concepts. Even though it's been a struggle, LA is building a greener community one bike at a time with the help of the **LA Bike Coalition**, supportive politicians, and co-ops like the **Bike Kitchen**. www.laguerrillagardening.org / www.la-bike.org / www.bicyclekitchen.com