



The Gateway Cities Regional Climate Collaborative strengthens and formalizes cross-sectoral relationships that collectively leverage skills, knowledge, practices and networks to ensure community-driven action to combat climate change.

Its purpose is to convene, educate and encourage collective action for and by community members and stakeholders to combat the causes and effects of climate change by increasing accessibility to new and existing resources throughout the Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) communities.

## Our Partners



Gateway Cities Council of Governments



SELA Collaborative



TreePeople

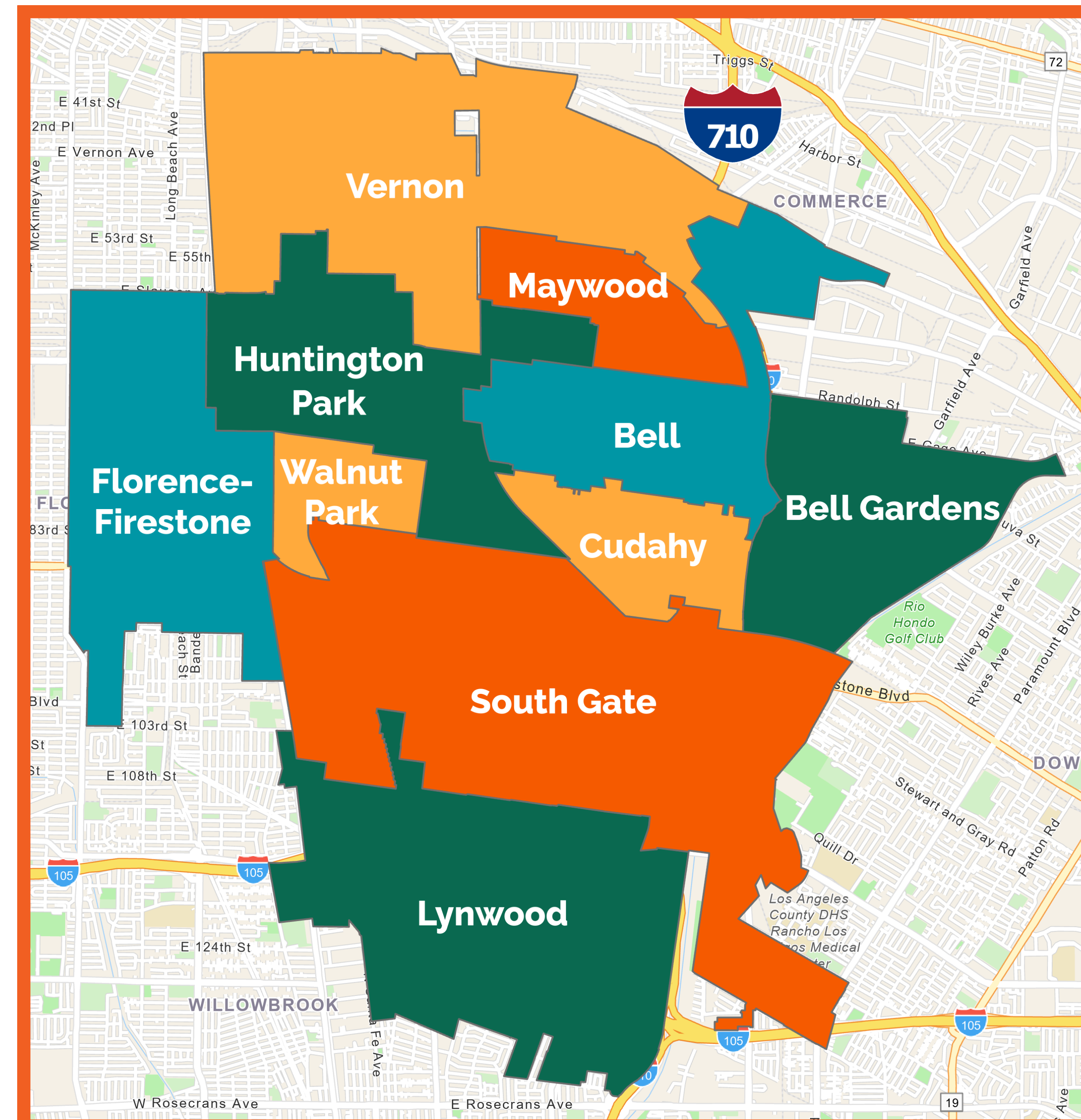


GRID Alternatives



LA County Chief Sustainability Office

## Our Geography



## Climate Vulnerabilities in Southeast Los Angeles

SELA's over 417,000 residents are exposed to **environmental inequities** that increase their vulnerability to climate change, including:

- More than 58 extreme heat days per year
- Low tree canopy
- High impervious surface cover

These climate challenges are exacerbated by **social vulnerabilities** such as:

- Limited access to healthcare
- High rates of asthma and other pulmonary disorders
- High population densities

## What We Do

- Learn about the needs of Southeast Los Angeles through partner coordination, surveys, listening sessions, and data gathering.
- Provide resources, training, and tools about climate and extreme heat solutions to city governments and community members.
- Identify and pursue grants and other funding sources to bring resources to SELA.

## About the Funding

**Grantor:** California Strategic Growth Council

**Grant Award:** \$1.75 million | **Grant Term:** 3 years

The **Regional Climate Collaborative capacity building grant** was designed to enable under-resourced communities to address climate challenges by independently competing for grants and implementing projects while strengthening local coordination, leadership, knowledge, and skills.



From left to right: 1) Presenting the GCRCC to SELA city staff and local elected officials; 2) Los Angeles River community cleanup event hosted by SELA Collaborative; 3) Strategic Growth Council Site Visit 2024