How do you want to influence changes in your neighborhood?

Equitable Placekeepers

are community-first developers looking to *strengthen* neighborhood assets.

Discriminatory Placekeepers

are affluent Not In My BackYard (NIMBY) residents looking to maintain the status quo.

Gentrifying Redevelopers

are capital-first developers, looking to make a profit.

Socially Engaged Artists, together with communities, can be "Equitable Placekeepers"



Artists act as conduits for skills and knowledge, not egoists, supporting **Community** demands, aspirations, self-determination and collective action.



Networks of **relationships** support the discovery of identities, strengthen visitibility, and encourage activity by creating trust and empowering possibility.



Longitudinal engagement

engenders trust. Staying and continuing work creates collaboration.



Artists and communities work together in **defiance** of entrenched barriers: policies, plans, regulations, and development schemes.



Artists + communities can defy displacement by co-creating art + development that amplify neighborhood assets.

This theory of change is based on a long range study of eleven Los Angeles-based artists. It upends the commonly held belief that artists contribute to gentrification with displacement.

