



Immigrants stand together bearing torch for rights and equality. Artist Unknown, Inner City Struggle Community Center Mural.



Tribute to United Farmworker's of America Artist Unknown, Los Angeles.

# If these could talk

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Art is beautiful. It gives people an opportunity to express themselves in different ways. Drawing, painting, poetry or calligraphy is ways art can be used to tell a story. Unfortunately, no matter how captivating the art is people may not pay attention.

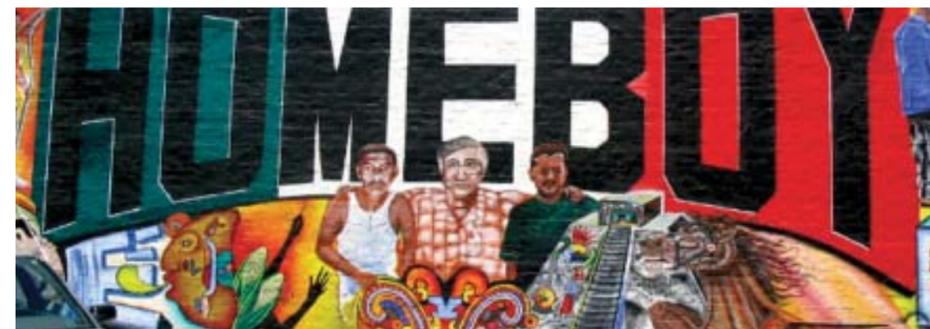
East L.A. is one area in Southern California with a rich, descriptive history. History means a lot to the community in East L.A and part of its history are the murals, which are found throughout the city. Murals are not just drawings on a wall and they may not be a Leonardo Da Vinci masterpiece but they are history brought to life. A mural takes time and research; in addition it takes a patient person who wants to tell a unique story to do what needs to be done. You don't have to be Picasso but you do need to be willing to dedicate yourself to accomplishing the task. Murals are forms of education for the people in East L.A. who may never hear about their history in the traditional school system.



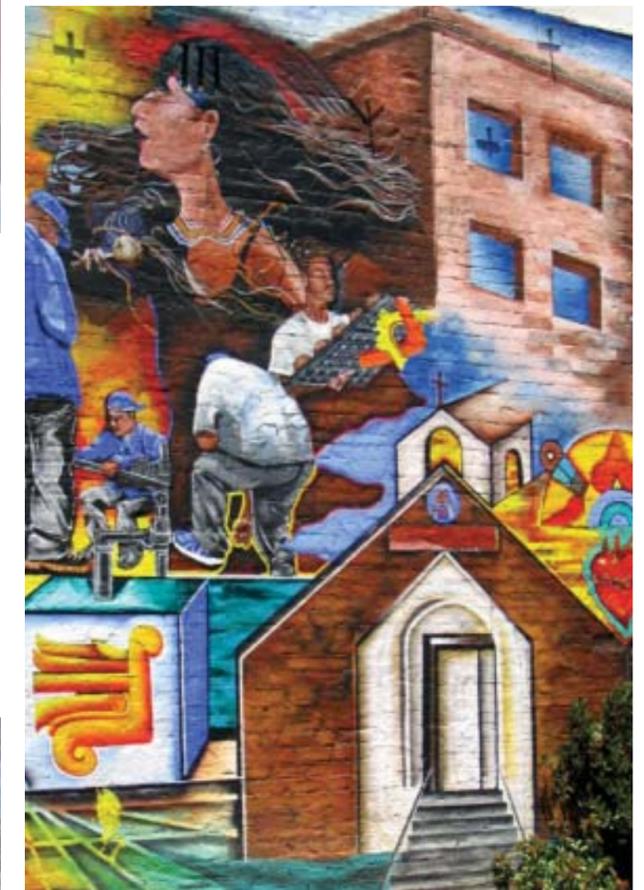
Immigrants protest with bullhorn and banner "The people united will never be defeated." Artist Unknown, Los Angeles, Ca.



Workers protest pesticides "La Descgacia, Pesticida!" Artist Unknown, Los Angeles, Ca.



Many generations reach out in this depiction., Artist Unknown, Los Angeles, Ca.



Homeboy Industries promotes gang unity. Artist Unknown, 1916 East 1st Street Los Angeles, Ca. Faith, culture, and the beauty of the Latino people are all expressed in this colorful array. Artist Unknown, Los Angeles, Ca.