

Historic African American Los Angeles

- 1 **El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument**
622 N. Main St.
- 2 **Biddy Mason Timeline**
333 S. Spring St.
- 3 **African American Firefighter Museum**
Formerly Fire Station 30
1401 S. Central Ave.
- 4 **Lincoln Theatre**
23rd Street and South Central Avenue
- 5 **Former office of the California Eagle**
4071 S. Central Ave.
(now an appliance store)
- 6 **Ralph Bunche House**
1221 E. 40th Place
- 7 **Dunbar Hotel**
4225 S. Central Ave.
- 8 **Sugar Hill/West Adams district**
Between Western and Normandie; Washington and Adams
- 9 **Golden State Mutual Life Insurance**
1999 W. Adams Blvd.
- 10 **Watts Labor Community Action Committee**
10954 S. Central Ave.
- 11 **Ted Watkins Memorial Park**
(formerly Will Rogers Memorial Park) Century Boulevard and Success Avenue on east side of park
- 12 **Watts Towers**
1727 E. 107th St.
- 13 **Leimert Park Village**
Along Degan Boulevard north of 43rd Place

POINTS of PRIDE

In L.A., black history begins with the first pueblo settlers. City landmarks trace the path of African American life from 1781 to the present.

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Watts Labor Community Action Committee Center

Founded by Ted Watkins Sr. near the time of the Watts riots in 1965, the Watts Labor Community Action Committee worked with labor unions and the government to provide jobs and housing to residents of South-Central Los Angeles.

In a horrible irony, Watkins and his staff had to flee their headquarters in the spring of 1992, when rioters broke into the complex and burned its offices and part of the center. But the organization rebuilt and the center now holds a Civil Rights Museum in Phoenix Hall, which focuses on the life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the events leading to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Also worth noting is the 16-foot "Mother of Humanity" bronze statue created by Nijel in 1995.

• **Watts Labor Community Action Committee Building, 10954 S. Central Ave. Museum open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Suggested donation, \$5; \$3, stu-**
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At left, a group outside their home in Watts, circa 1920, from the Los Angeles Public Library's Shades of L.A. collection of photos from family albums.

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