## **CENTRAL LONG BEACH**

Nestled deep in the rich culture of Long Beach, this walk goes through the history of the city, origins of modern music, faith of the African American Community & expatriate cultural center of Cambodia



**DISTANCE 3.0 MILES** 

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From ROSA PARKS PARK, walk east along Sixteenth Street past the **1** ANTIOCH CHURCH, a foundation of faith in Central Long Beach for the past half-century, Reaching Walnut Avenue, the California Bungalows become more intimate and more closely clustered for the 2 FIVE COTTAGE COURTS. On Peterson Avenue, the oldest standing fire station hosts the Long Beach Firefighters Museum, a collection of meticulously restored vintage emergency vehicles. At Anaheim Street is 3 CAMBODIA TOWN, the cultural and commercial heart for Cambodians living outside of the Southeast Asian nation. Complementing this activity along is MACARTHUR PARK, home to both the MARK TWAIN LIBRARY AND HOMELAND **CULTURAL CENTER**, where youth can be found practicing traditional Cambodian dance as well as krumping, and original stage productions can be seen at the MANAZAR GAMBOA COMMUNITY THEATER. West on Fifteenth Street is 4 ERNEST MCBRIDE PARK which has a new Spohn Ranch produced skatepark. Next are the sports fields of LONG BEACH POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL, which has produced more professional football players than any other high school in the nation, as well as Baseball Hall of Fame Tony Gwinn and tennis icon Billy Jean King. Along Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue at Pacific Coast Highway is the former WORLD FAMOUS VIP RECORDS which has launched numerous music careers including Snoop Dogg and Warren G. Turn east onto Nineteenth Street to 5 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK the largest municipal park in Central Long Beach. Go South on Orange Avenue where it becomes Alamitos Avenue and ultimately reach the trip origin.

