



## **The Legacy Communities Initiative™ Fundamental Strategies**

### **Remembering**

1. Cultural programs, festivals, storytelling, oral histories and educational activities and other activities that inform preserve and promote the culture of the community and its people
2. Faith Based and community organizations partnering to provide a system of communication, community education, advocacy and support for the community, its families, educational institutions, health care and spiritual /ethical health
3. Restoration of traditional cultural values system by training our families to implement our historically known spiritual principles and principles of Kwanzaa every day and to remember the values taught by our ancestors that guide us spiritually and keep us strong and healthy and compassionate

### **Reinvesting**

4. Preservation of affordable land and Community Land Trusts to insure that the community property remains under the jurisdiction of the community to insure affordable ownership of the community property to address urgent gentrification threats and to preserve the properties for generations in the future
5. Property acquisition and physical redesign of local properties to reflect the culture of the community, promotion of environmentally healthy mixed-use and mixed-income development and utilization of resident ownership mechanisms
6. Charrettes, community design workshops to develop community consensus building and participation in planning and community design, through ordinances, rezoning, special districts and other neighborhood conservation efforts
7. Economic development and wealth building initiatives through resource generating strategies that will help the community develop and access non-traditional resources and funds

### **Reconstructing**

8. Youth initiatives that help re-introduce traditional values and behavioral mores to our youth. These initiatives will help improve youth academically, personally and spiritually, socially and at home with the family and in the community
9. Health Initiatives; including mental, spiritual and physical health and effective homeopathic and holistic health and nutrition programs

10. Reclamation of our males by crime prevention programs, effective homeopathic and holistic health programs, effective grassroots substance abuse prevention strategies, alternatives to incarceration and rites of passage
11. Women, Elderly and Family Empowerment - Working with non-profit organizations to help women become empowered to deal with issues that most affect them and their children, including but not limited to domestic violence issues, economic development, women's health care, child rearing and support for single mothers

### **Reconnecting**

12. Community Building training to develop a team of local community builders in each Legacy Community who can continue to carry out the activities and provide leadership in the community to sustain the efforts
13. Leadership and political empowerment through screening, selection and support of candidates who are knowledgeable of our concerns, responsive to our needs and proactive in creating opportunities for our families and our communities; educating the community through small group discussions and family based dialogue
14. Marketing strategies that promote Legacy Communities and link the cottage industries through a continuous cultural corridor and which engage support and promotion by African and Caribbean American notables and companies willing to underwrite portions of the Initiatives

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