



Inglewood is Los Angeles's 2014 Neighborhood of the Year

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Congratulations to Inglewood, the winner of the **2014 Curbed Cup** and Los Angeles's newest **Neighborhood of the Year**, beating out [Bunker Hill](#) <http://la.curbed.com/archives/2014/12/curbed_cup_round_1_bunker_hill_6_vs_inglewood_11_1.php> , the powerful Arts District <http://la.curbed.com/archives/2014/12/curbed_cup_elite_8_inglewood_11_vs_arts_district_3_1.php> , Los Feliz <http://la.curbed.com/archives/2014/12/curbed_cup_final_four_inglewood_11_vs_los_feliz_15.php> , and finally South Park <http://la.curbed.com/archives/2014/12/curbed_cup_finals_south_park_5_vs_inglewood_11.php> in the race for the shiny golden jpeg. Last year dawned with the reopening of the renovated and [more-fabulous-than-ever Inglewood Forum](#) <http://la.curbed.com/archives/2014/01/come_tour_the_renovated_and_revitalized_inglewood_forum.php> , now run by the people who manage Madison Square Garden, and it's already the [most successful](#) <<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/music/la-et-ms-forum-return-20141229-story.html>> large venue in Los Angeles by a huge margin, hosting nearly a third of all the arena shows in the region last year. Meanwhile, [work began](#) <http://la.curbed.com/archives/2014/01/crenshaw_line_breaks_groundnow_lets_get_it_to_lax_weho_1.php> on the Crenshaw Line, which will have two stops in the city, and Inglewood's mayor [landed a powerful seat](#) <<http://www.dailybreeze.com/government-and-politics/20141211/south-bay-officials-select-inglewood-mayor-to-represent-area-on-metro-board>> on the Metro board, replacing Santa Monica's mayor in a significant geographic shift. There's lots of new development on the way in the city too, and it's a favored for [a new NFL stadium](#) <http://la.curbed.com/archives/2014/01/did_the_owner_of_the_st_louis_rams_j



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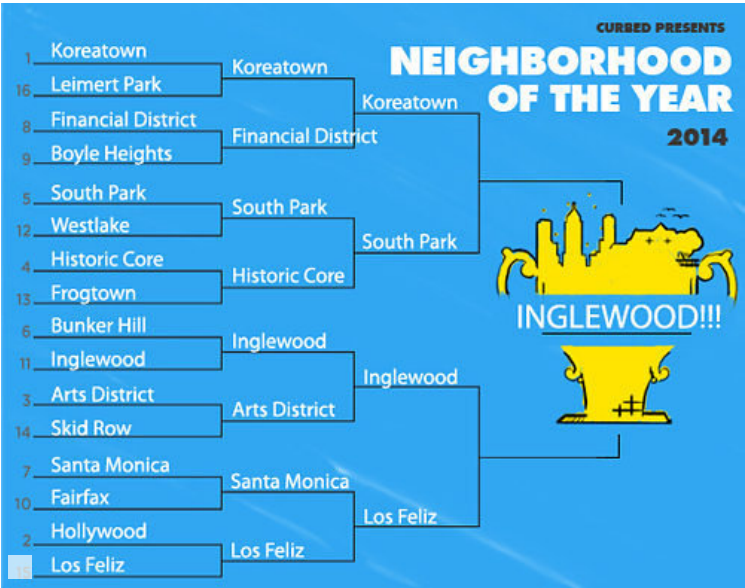
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ust_buy_a_potential_nfl_stadium_site_in_inglewood.php> , but for now, relatively low housing prices mean artists and other interesting people can still afford to live there. Rock on, Inglewood.



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Much deserved win. Kudos and happy new year to Inglewood!

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CatholicBloc

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"Inglewood Forum, now run by the people who manage Madison Square Garden, and it's already the most successful large venue in Los Angeles by a huge margin..."

#2.01/02/15 02:16 PM

I Like Buildings

Not quite. The Inglewood Forum is the most successful CONCERT venue in Los Angeles.

The most successful large venue in Los Angeles - actually in the whole country - is still Staples Center.

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Inglewood is the best area in Los Angeles. Thats what I tell all the tourists.

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laAlen

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Congratulations to Inglewood! They didn't make the rules here, they played the game, and won. There is no arguing whether they deserve it or not. It's theirs.

#4.01/02/15 02:27 PM

MFMauceri

CurbedLA created a nebulous "contest" declaring, "Let the carnage begin." I think what gets people's ire up is there's no empirical criteria as to what constitutes: 'Los Angeles Neighborhood of the Year'?

Duh, it's urban development! Well, what kind?.. Was it announced? Planned? Completed? Officially opened? What?.. Is it the total value? Perceived prestige? Controversy generated? The answer is: There is no answer. So, overarching guide may be what neighborhood had the most noticeable shift (positive or negative) in its zeitgeist this past?.. But who amongst us can accurately measure that?.. Uh, no one, because it's all subjective.

The 'Neighborhood of the Year' goes to whoever can best mobilize an online base to vote early and vote often. Even if that neighborhood happens to be an incorporated city with 4x the population base to work with. This is what it is.

We're a competitive culture, so the average Joe or Jane resident gets an electronic message saying, "Click here and help us win!" Who wouldn't do that? Sure, there some purists out there arguing the merits, but all ten of them can't move the needle.

So, perhaps empaneling a group of "experts" to bestow the award might be a way to make it more credible. Of course, it won't generate the monetizable web traffic that way, so the editorial and finance folks at Curbed can fight that out next year.

What's interesting is that enough folks figured out that even if this Curbed contest is half-baked at best, the winner can leverage the designation to help itself. It's businesses, its schools, even its ability to get attention in a city council election year.

It's not the edifices in it that make a neighborhood great, it's the people in those edifices. Always was, always will be

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Steven Hailey

Curbed headline around May 2015

#5.01/02/15 02:38 PM

"INGLEWOOD NEXT HOT NEIGHBORHOOD, COOL RESTURANTS AND ART GALLERIES ALL OVER TOWN!"

Curbed headline October 2015

"POOR BEING PUSHED OUT OF INGLEWOOD! RENTAL CRISIS AT OUR HANDS! URBAN POOR FLEE TO SUBURBS AND SOUTHERN STATES!"

Curbed headline January 2016

"IS INGLEWOOD OFFICIALLY OVER?! TRENDY FOLKS NOW MOVING TO CITY OF COMMERCE!"

Curbed headline january 2019

"MELLINIALS FLEE TO SUBURBS,POOR MOVE BACK IN DROVES"

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People bitched last year when Glendale won. Of course they're gonna bitch about Inglewood too.

#6.01/02/15 02:44 PM

Mike D2

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<http://d1warraxuf7xh1.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Jack-and-Magic.jpg>

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armchair boogie

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They votes are rigged anyways. Clear the cache and vote as many times as you want.

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@Steven Hailey: Lol. So True

#9.01/02/15 04:29 PM

Steven Khalid

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@Steven Hailey: I don't think I'll still be reading curbed in 2019 of the quality keeps going down like this though, if there even is Curbed LA in the '20s

#10.01/02/15 04:32 PM

Steven Khalid

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@MFMAuceri: someone's mad there neighborhood didn't win...

#11.01/02/15 04:41 PM

Steven Khalid

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Just relax folks, it's not as if the Curbed Cup is, or is purporting to be, a survey of a representative sample of the population of Los Angeles County with well defined criteria for picking the "best" neighborhood. It's just for fun. It is a reflection of the opinions of people who bothered to look at it and cast votes.

#13.01/02/15 04:46 PM

Chewie

In this society I'm for doing everything possible to promote voting. Maybe it'll encourage people to vote in real elections with real consequences.

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@Steven Khalid: "their" neighborhood.

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MFMAuceri

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Really??? This region is such a total dump if this is the prize! Seriously. Jesus H Christ!

#15.01/02/15 06:34 PM

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| | 70 | Waiting for Inglewood's profile like in: Neighborhood Guides The Totally Stereotyped But Very Accurate Guide to What Your LA Neighborhood Says About You | #16. 01/02/15 08:22 PM |
| jerry lewis | | | |
| | 12 | Tangentially, related: Can someone explain why there's two 'South Parks' in Los Angeles?.. | #17. 01/02/15 08:47 PM |
| MFMauceri | | http://maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/south-park/ http://southpark.la/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/SouthPark-Council-District-w-border-01.jpg | |
| | 4 | Woo hoo, go Inglewood! Recognizing greatness! | #18. 01/03/15 08:44 AM |
|  | | | |
| Kenneth Bucha | | | |
| | 1 | Bwahahahahahahaha. Yeah right. | #19. 01/04/15 06:36 PM |
|  | | | |
| Mark Hensley | | I'm sure living right next door to LAX is just amazing. | |
| | 5 | Next up compton? I remember in high school you never went to the Inglewood games for fear of getting the crap beaten out of you. | #20. 01/04/15 07:17 PM |
| MountainMan | | | |
| | 31 | @No3Luis: "The killing fields"? lol C'mon now. | #22. 01/05/15 06:59 AM |
| Chris Loos | | | |
| | 54 | Nothing against Inglewood...but cannot ignore the fact that it is not a safe city whatsoever. There is a reason houses are barred up, rampant tagging and numerous homicides throuhgout the city. Blood territory! | #23. 01/05/15 07:34 AM |
| youre dumb | | | |
| | 2199 | @MFMauceri: The one in South Central L.A. is an actual park that exists. The more well-known South Park by L.A. Live is named after a park that was never built. CRA/LA had a plan to demolish a bunch of buildings in the area and create a mini-Central Park with a ton of high-rises around the edge of the park along with the Convention Center. This park was tentatively named "South Park" because it was south of Bunker Hill, the other huge redevelopment project that was going on. But after the huge outcry that happened when Bunker Hill was cleared of all buildings, CRA/LA canceled its plans to demolish the buildings that South Park was supposed to go. For some reason - I don't know why - the South Park name stuck and now we have two South Parks but one was supposed to be a temporary name of park that turns out was never built. | #24. 01/05/15 10:14 AM |
| I Like Buildings | | | |
| | 9 | Here's to hoping Inglewood! Quote from Hunger Games "Hope. It is the only thing stronger than fear. A little hope is effective. A lot of hope is dangerous. A spark is fine, as long as it's contained." | #25. 01/05/15 11:41 AM |
| LosFelizRabbit | | | |
| | 383 | Inglewood, always up to no good. | #26. 01/05/15 02:49 PM |

1 I've lived in Inglewood for years and feel compelled to share my thoughts on this article and subsequent comments. A. Inglewood isn't as bad as some of the comments here suggest. B. Inglewood isn't as great as this "award" and article suggest either. Like any urban city, it has good and bad areas. I wouldn't give Inglewood any awards until the city actually helps LOCAL businesses and residents. Our Market Street area has been in dire need of help and development for years now (The Church of Scientology doesn't count). Important streets such as pothole ridden Century and La Brea have also been in need of repairs for years. There has been little to no improvement done to schools (Inglewood High) or public facilities such as the Public Library located next to City Hall. Bringing back The Forum and catering to special interests, big business and outsiders doesn't equate to or merit any awards in my book. Peace

Tha Realness

#27.01/05/15 06:22 PM

6 @youre dumb: why are you so afraid of everything? :(big hugs for you if you want them.

chris

#28.01/13/15 12:35 PM

2 what won between Koreatown and South Park?

#29.01/27/15 11:00 AM

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