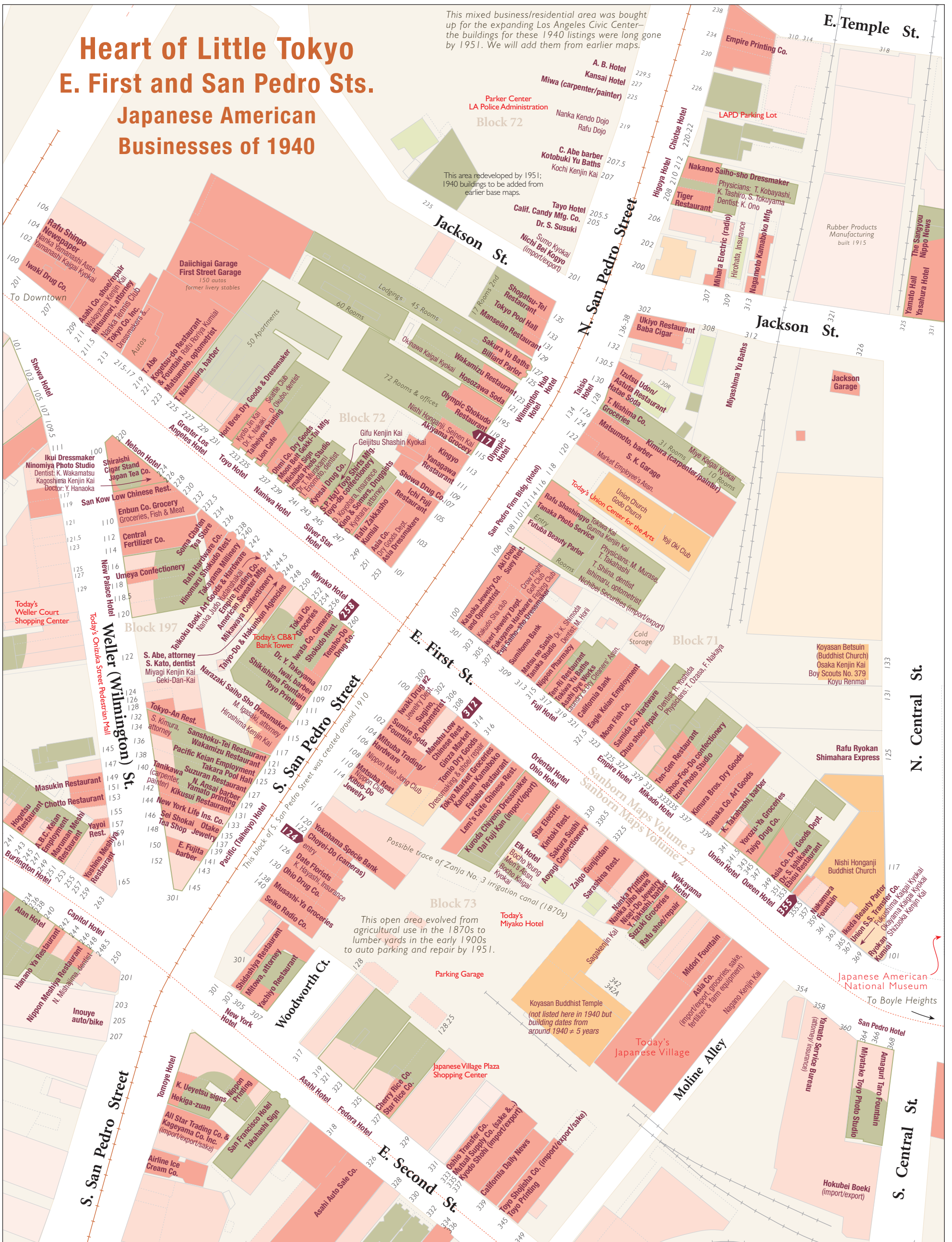


# Heart of Little Tokyo

## E. First and San Pedro Sts.

### Japanese American Businesses of 1940

This mixed business/residential area was bought up for the expanding Los Angeles Civic Center—the buildings for these 1940 listings were long gone by 1951. We will add them from earlier maps.



This open area evolved from agricultural use in the 1870s to lumber yards in the early 1900s to auto parking and repair by 1951.

Possible trace of Zanja No. 3 irrigation canal (1870s)

Today's Miyako Hotel

Japanese Village Plaza Shopping Center

Today's Japanese Village

Today's Weller Court Shopping Center

Today's Mikado Hotel

Today's Sanborn Maps Volume 3

Today's Japanese Village

Today's Japanese Village

Today's Japanese Village

Today's Japanese Village

#### LEGEND FOR DETAILED MAP

- Grocery Japanese American businesses
- grocery Other businesses
- warehouse Industrial uses
- School Community
- Church Churches
- Dwelling Dwelling
- Apartments and Flats Apartments and Flats
- Ryokan Hotels and Rooming Houses
- Hotel outline (mixed uses) Hotel outline (mixed uses)
- Historic Pacific Electric streetcar
- Historic Los Angeles Street Railway line
- Modern Metro Gold Line
- Sanborn map pages
- Note Modern landmarks
- Building & porch Building & porch
- Future (post-WWII) building Future (post-WWII) building
- Address
- 124 See list for businesses at this address

- 117** 117 N. San Pedro St. (Olympic Hotel)  
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Insurance: K. Sonada, Godo, H. Fujimoto, M. Ito, S. Nakajima  
Dentist: K. Niya
- 124** 124 S. San Pedro St.  
Paramount Beauty Salon  
Shimin Kyokai, Nanka Tennis Association  
Dentists: K. Kawamoto, Y. Nagamoto, T. Shimizu, & Uba Katsumi  
Attorney: J. Y. Maeno, S. Suzuki & Co., Sugawara, Broker
- 258** 258 E. First St. (Mikado Hotel)  
Ginza Beauty Parlor  
Shinsekai Asahi Newspaper  
Japanese American News  
Nanka Chuo Nipponjin Kai  
J.C. Broadcasting Society  
Arakawa Saiho Sho, Dressmaker  
Yamato Swervice Bureau (insurance)  
Shinano Kaigai Kyokai  
Nisei Trading Co.

- 312** 312 E. First Street  
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N. Tanaka, T. Terakawa, S. Tarumoto;  
Organizations: Japanese Dentists Assn.,  
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Yabuki Agency, Li'I Tokyo Beauty Parlor

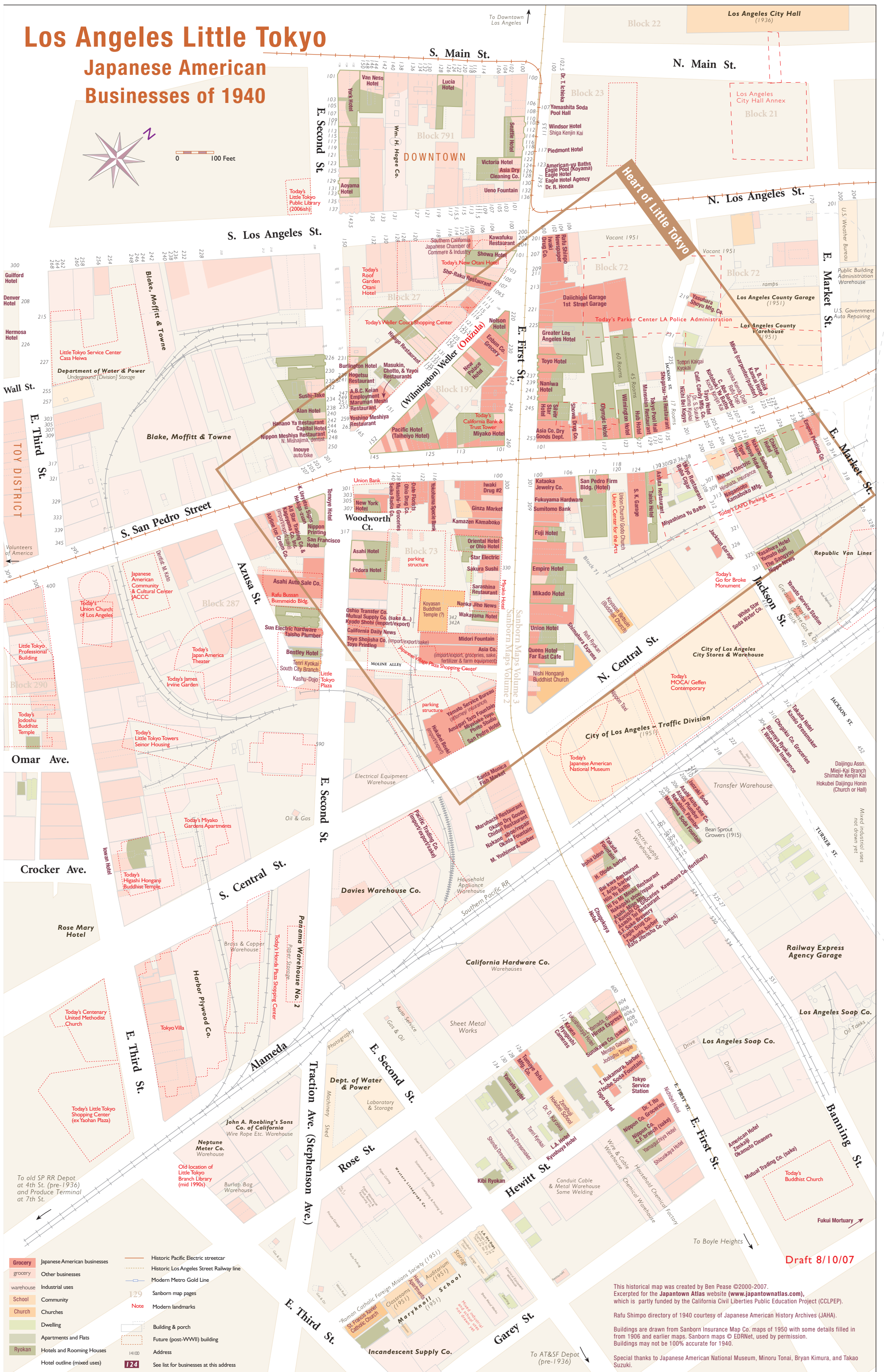
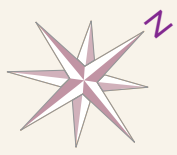
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