

“Human beings are meaning makers. Artists haven’t forgotten that about themselves, and they haven’t allowed anything or anyone to beat it out of them. And life certainly does try to get you to stop. I’m lucky; I’ve passed the point where the beating works so I’m freed up to go on my own way. I’m following a creative path because life is strong and demanding and art makes it more than something to be tolerated. Art gets you to see why and how it is magnificent and empowering and your birthright.

“The artist is an important contributor to society because we help people to find the feast. It’s our role, and it’s an important one. We’re not entertainers, although some of what we do will entertain. We’re not gadflies, although some of our work will prod and poke. We’re not decorators, although some of our work will dazzle with its skill.

“We are meaning shapers in a world that desperately needs us, regardless of what is spent on us per capita. Personally speaking, there isn’t a bank big enough to hold the amount of money that we artists are worth. I can’t be sidetracked by measuring out my worth in a system designed by bean counters for bean counters. I’ll take my measure some other way.” -- Aida Mancillas



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Awards

1991: National Endowment for the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship
1995: American Planner’s Association Excellence in Planning

Orchid Awards

1995: Vermont Street Pedestrian Bridge
1996: Escondido Medical Arts Center
1998: North Park Elementary School

Liquid Art Award

2001: “Watermarks: City of San Diego American Institute of Architects

Founding member

Las Comadres
Public Address

University of California San Diego: Master Fine Arts
Humboldt University: Bachelor’s Fine Arts

Aida Mancillas

artist, advocate, visionary

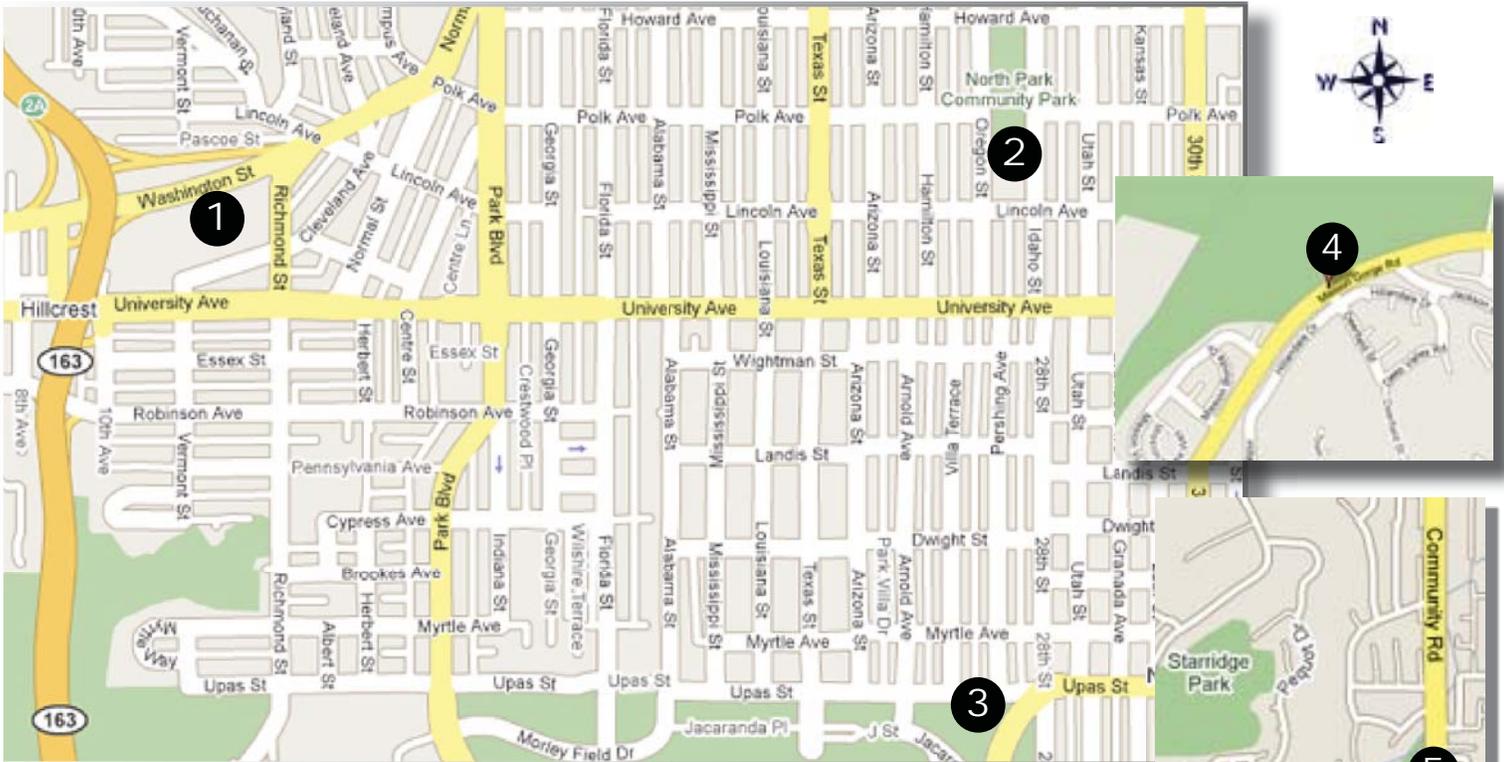
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“The artist is responsible for his or her own community; for its health and well being, for its safety, for its children, and for its humanity. It is our duty to help our neighbors access their innate capacity for transforming the ordinary into that which is meaningful, beautiful and joyful.”

-- Aida Mancillas --

Aida Mancillas - Public Art Map



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Vermont Street Pedestrian Bridge

spanning Washington Ave between University Heights and Uptown

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Watermarks

Mission Trails Nature Park

Deerfield Circle & Mission Gorge Road

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Park of 100 Frogs

North Park Community Park
4044 Idaho Street

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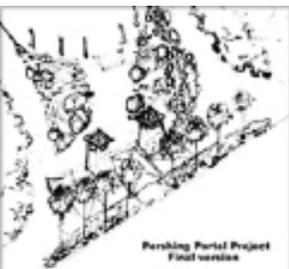
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Solara Apartments

13414 Community Road
Poway, CA

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Pershing Portal, Bird Park

Pershing Ave &
28th Street



All-solar green construction
low-income housing

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