

# **CHICANO PARK: AN EXPLORATORY INVESTIGATION OF THE SOCIAL LIFE, ROLE, AND BENEFITS OF CHICANO PARK, A SITE WORLD RENOWNED FOR ITS CULTURAL MURALS**

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This research is an exploratory investigation of the social life, role, and benefits of Chicano Park, a world renowned area for its cultural murals, located in the community of San Diego. Data on the historical origins and current usage will be employed to discover aspects of the social life of the park. Data are to be obtained using a mixed-method approach involving three sources: onsite, ethnographic, participant observations; a survey of park users; oral history interviews with selected members of the Chicano Park Steering Committee (the committee that oversees the planning and development of the park). Chicano Park was chosen because it is one of the most significant legacies of the Chicano Power Movement in San Diego. The literature on Chicano Park is minimal; the potential benefits of this study would include contributions to the knowledge about this historical, cultural land mark.