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## Living Schoolyards Coalition

- Over 1,000 LAUSD schools
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest property owner in City of LA
- Formed in 2019
- Prevalence of asphalt schoolyards and heat island effects in LAUSD schools
- Extreme park scarcity and inequity in access to green space

# Time to Scale Up!

## Success:

- 400 school campuses with gardens or agricultural areas
- 150 with edible teaching gardens
- 26 schoolyard habitats
- Yet there is **no clear path to replicate** these projects in high need communities

## Delays and/or Rejections to Greening Projects and Opening School Campuses:

- More costly and higher maintenance than asphalt
- Supervision and liability
- No current mechanism to operate a school park

# Opportunity for Action

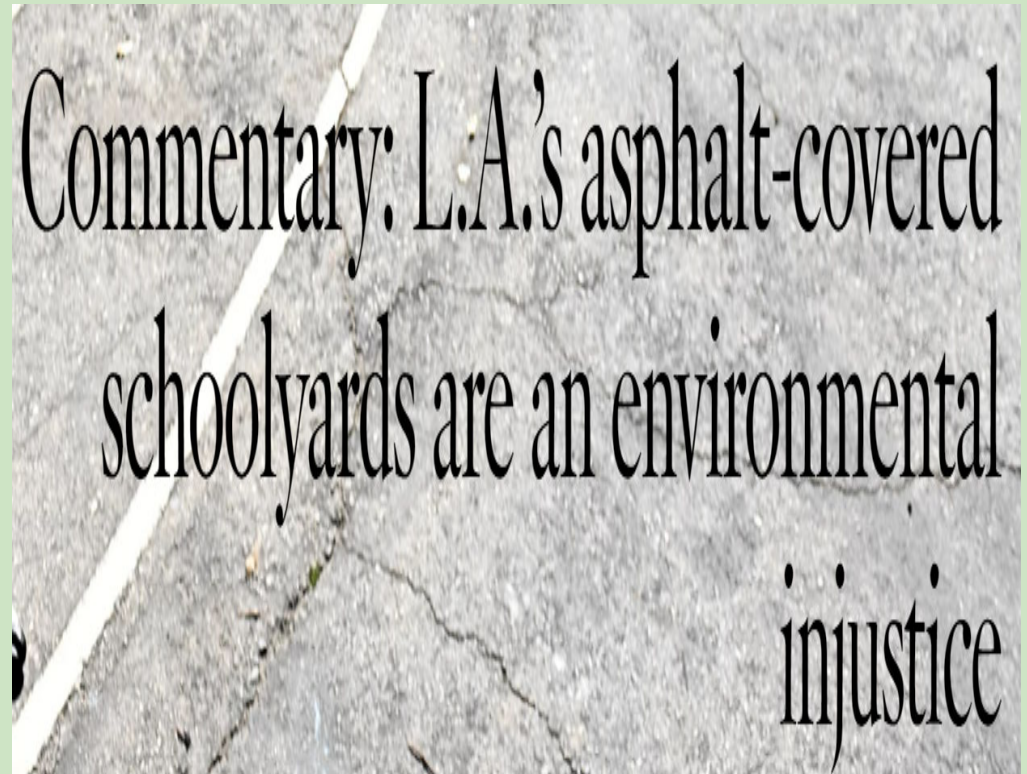
- Support legislative request for \$200 million of the state budget to create safer schools by reducing heat on pre-K to 12 public school campuses.
- Support the creation of a California greening program for a holistic approach to greening schoolyards.
- TPL's release of the ["California Green Schoolyards: A Cost Benefit Study"](#). Findings make a strong case for schools to stop wasting resources in maintaining asphalt and blacktop.
- *"LAUSD expects enrollment to plummet by an 'alarming' 30% in the next decade."*

# LSYC Priorities

- Make the pursuit of school greening and access more user-friendly through a transparent and streamlined application and permitting process.
- Fast-track the conversion and greening design of schools in neighborhoods that lack access to local public parks.
- Transform schoolyards into parks to serve communities during non-school hours.

## Organize and Mobilize

- **Drafting Policy:**  
Creating a clear path to select school sites/streamline process
- **Recruiting Members:**  
Diversifying our base and reach
- **Living Schoolyards Coalition Convening:**  
June 22, 2022
- **Lets Collaborate:**  
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