

Puerto Rico Town celebrates and preserves Puerto Rican culture through the sustainability of small business owners and working families through 4 pillars:

Education

- Community As A Campus
- Provide a seamless K-12 curriculum
- Take measures to avoid brain drain
- Promote cultural education
- Strengthen after-school programs

Economic Development

- Mixed-use development Live-work
- Development of conference and events center
- Encouraging tourism and street activity
- Job training programs and business hub
- Food production initiatives
- Improving signage and wayfinding
- Placemaking initiatives Historic preservation
- Resident-focused art installations

Affordable Housing

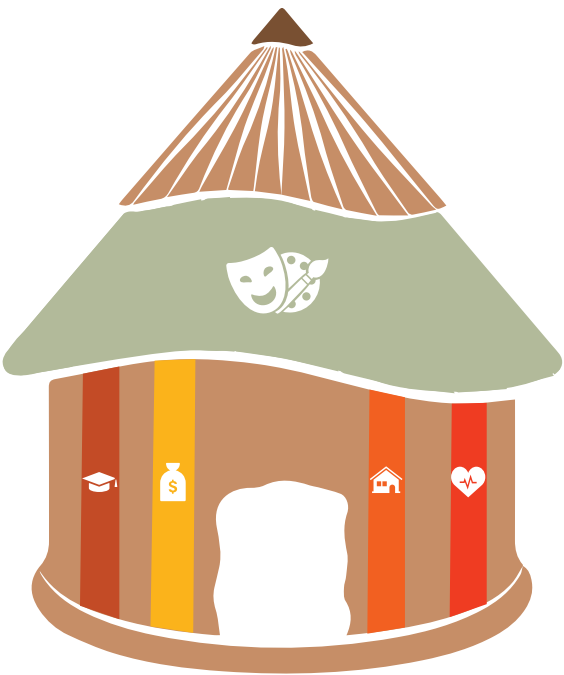
- Develop live-work spaces
- Preserve and develop affordable housing, for families (2+ bed)
- Preserve historic facades and build new architecture that pays homage to Puerto Rican culture

Health and Wellness

- Promote food justice
- Increase psychosocial resilience and address generational trauma through housing and employment opportunities
- Advocate to employ Puerto Rican health providers

PRCC FOUR PILLARS:

-  EDUCATION
-  ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
-  AFFORDABLE HOUSING
-  HEALTH & WELLNESS
-  ARTS & CULTURE



PUERTO RICO TOWN DEVELOPMENT: 10-YEAR PLAN



BRIEF BACKGROUND OF STATE-DESIGNATED CULTURAL DISTRICTS

The Criteria of State Designated Cultural Districts (State of Illinois 2021) only applies for areas that:

1. Have been historically impacted and are currently at risk of losing their cultural identity because of gentrification, displacement, or the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Can demonstrate a history of economic disinvestment.
3. Can demonstrate strong community support for the cultural district designation through active and formal participation by community organizations and municipal and regional government agencies or officials.

The purpose of a State Designated Cultural District is to:

1. Promote a distinct historic and cultural community.
2. Encourage economic development and supports entrepreneurship in the geographic area and community.
3. Encourage the preservation of historic and culturally significant structures, traditions, and languages.
4. Foster local cultural development and education.
5. Provide a focal point for celebrating and strengthening the unique cultural identity of the community.



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PUERTO RICAN TOWN

Thriving in place: building community wealth by preserving and strengthening the Puerto Rican culture

PUERTO RICO TOWN: CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS

PRIORITY CORRIDOR: DIVISION ST. WESTERN AVE. – KOSTNER AVE. (2.5 MILES)

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MUSEUM

70+

MURALS

20+

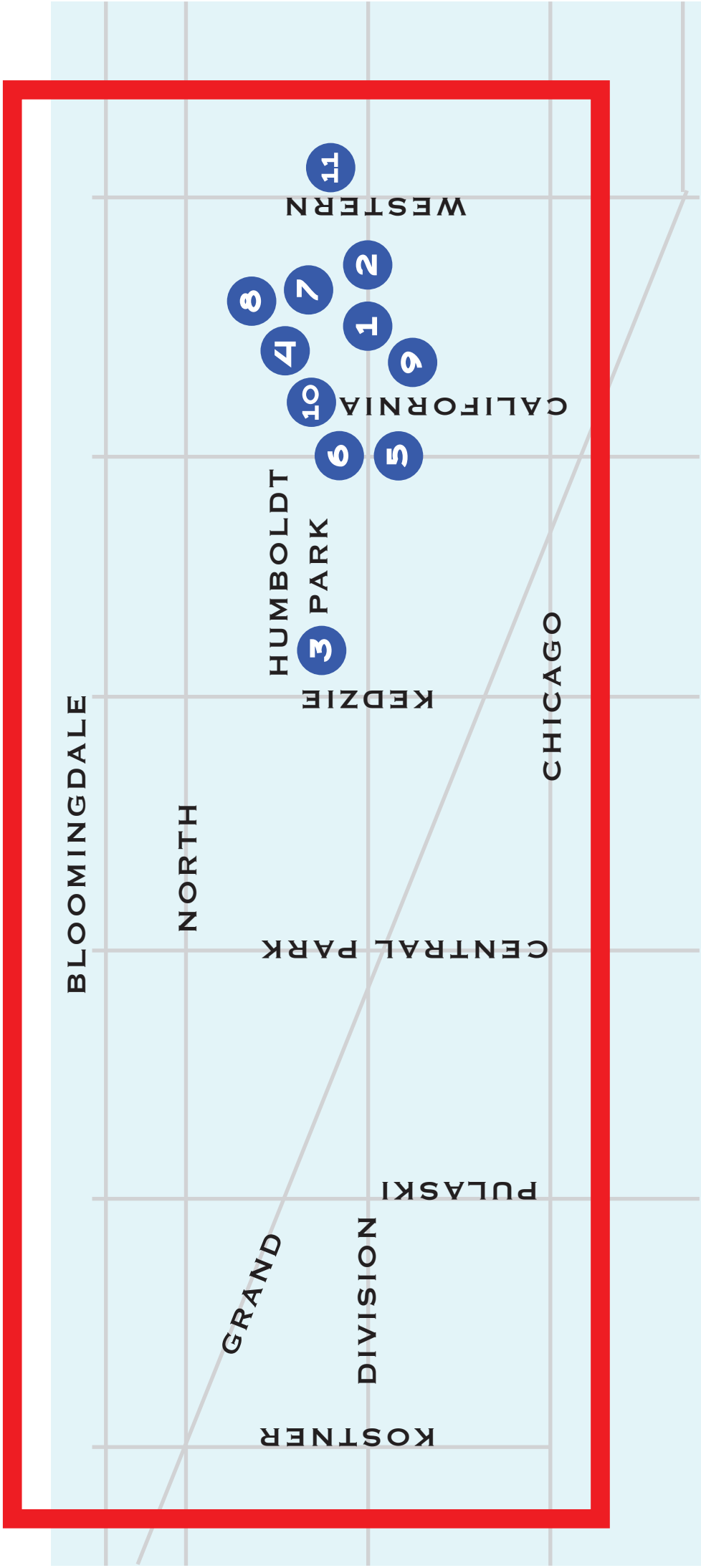
EATERIES

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HIGH SCHOOLS

3

HOSPITALS



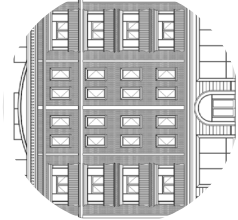
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WEPA
Mercado

2



Arturo
Schomburg
proposed
concept

3



NMPRAC
Museum

4



Humboldt
Health
Wellness
Center

5



La Estancia

6



Hispanic
Housing 9
story
rendering

7



La Casita

8



Teresa Roldan
Apartments

9



Paseo Arts
Building
Rendering

10



Albizu Campos
High School

11



Clemente
High School