Community Garden Idea:

- COVID19 and civil unrest across the country has drastically changed our countries sense of community. By expanding the community garden as a true garden open to the entire community, it will remote fresh and healthy food equity to all.
- El Segundo Climate Action Plan recommends Urban Greening which includes spaces such as community gardens. These spaces are "carbon sinks" as they store greenhouse gas emissions that are otherwise emitted into the atmosphere.
- The current El Segundo Community Garden is not a true community garden since all the spaces are rented via a lottery. There's currently no spots and the next lottery is January 2021.
- Recreation Park has many underutilized recreational spots to expand the community garden (ex. lawn bowling)
- Another idea is to add a community garden in the civic center as part of the redevelop and repurpose of Downtown. This would allow direct downtown access for the entire community.
- Community Garden surplus would go too CASE.
- Use reclaimed water from West Basin.
- QRTLY educational workshops on gardening and composting

Various Funding Ideas:

- Various grants are available.
- Provide a community garden bed fundraiser where residents or businesses can donate money to pay for a garden bed and have their name engraved (Ex. Garden Bed donated by the Smith Family).
    - For a fee, residents or business can paint a tile for a mosaic in the garden (El Segundo Art Committee oversees the design)

    - For a fee, residents can donate money to have their colorful handprint put on a garden bed

- Alternative idea is community members creating a non-profit and solicit donations from large businesses in town (as done in Seal Beach).
- Partial funding can also come from the Art Fund (Title 15 of Es Municipal Code) and partner with El Segundo Art Committee. Approx. $685,000 in public art and fee revenues per year per City Council Meeting Minutes. Art fee can't be used for landscape, but we can think of creative ways to incorporate the fund into the garden box design, storage shed, fencing or composting area.

Maintenance:

- Los Angeles Community Garden Council has resources on starting a garden and forming a volunteer garden leadership group, writing articles of incorporation, bylaws, gardener agreements, and to develop community garden rules and guidelines.
- Via social media, scheduled community pruning/composting days advertised.
- Supplies stored in a shed.
- Compost from the city yard and from garden foliage.