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Becky Nicolaides is an LA-based historian and consultant specializing in the history of suburbs, metro areas, and Los Angeles. She is the author of three books on suburban history, and her writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and other outlets.

Becky has consulted extensively for public history projects for Survey LA, LA City, the State of California, and individual communities, and she served on the LA Mayor's Working Group on Civic Memory. She is currently part of an EU Erasmus+ transnational project focused on the study of suburbanism and urbanism in the EU and US, and is a lead team member of the NEH-supported "LA County Demographic Data Project, 1950-2010."

She's taught at UCSD, UCLA, Pitzer College, and Arizona State University West, and is currently a research affiliate at the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West. Becky is a co-founder of History Studio, a partnership of award-winning scholars providing expert research, script vetting, and original content for the entertainment industry. She received her BA from USC, and her MA and PhD from Columbia University. Becky is a lifelong Angeleno.

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Speaking Subject:

- "America's Changing Suburban Landscape: Social and Civic Life in Historic Perspective"
- "The History of Segregation and Redlining in L.A.'s Suburbs"
- "The Suburb Toolkit: What History Can Teach us about Creating Inclusive, Welcoming Communities"
- "The Multicultural Suburban Ideal: Lessons from the Past for Today's Diverse Suburbs"
- "The Suburban Vote: Exploring a Fluid Concept"
- "Suburbia and Sustainability: Lessons from the Past for Sustainable Futures"
- "(Re)Writing Your Community's Past: Creating Inclusive Local History "

