# LOCATING A NEW ART GALLERY IN LOS ANGELES

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## Los Angeles Introduction and Overview

- Entertainment capital of the world.
- Four million residents.
- Extensive freeway network built in the 1940s-1970s
- Traffic and air quality issues
- A burgeoning art market

# The Unique Geographic and Transportation Challenges of Los Angeles

- Freeways and lack of robust public transportation has created traffic and air quality issues.
- Residential and commercial real estate development moves outward versus upward.
- Short commutes elsewhere are long drives in Los Angeles with greater variability
- 21<sup>st</sup> century urban sprawl is the result.

# **Business Problem**

Art entrepreneurs face critical location decisions.

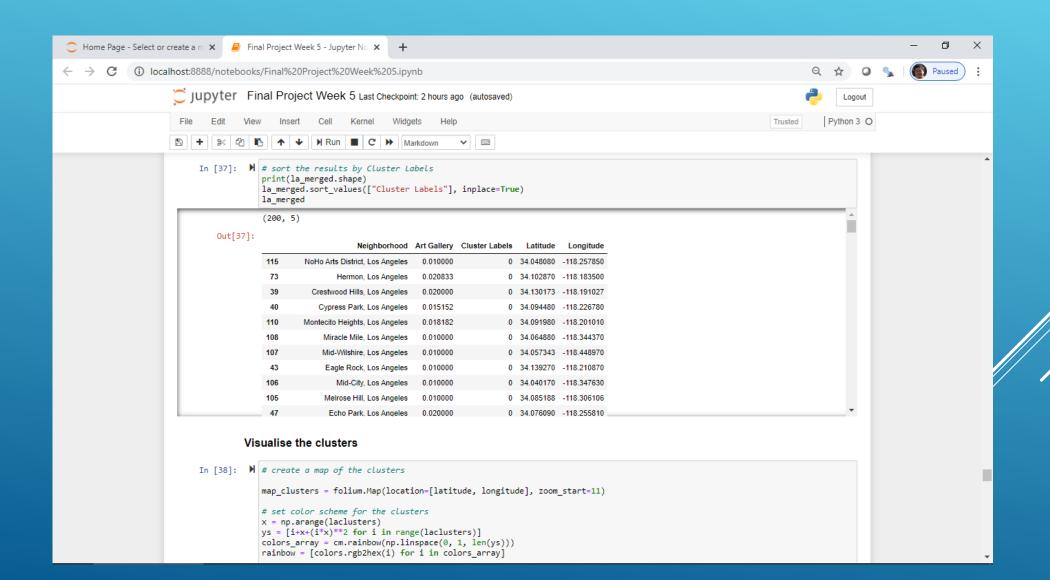
# Target Audience

- Potential art gallery owners
- Existing art gallery owners seeking to expand or relocate
- Art collectors
- Art gallery suppliers
- Art-loving visitors and tourists

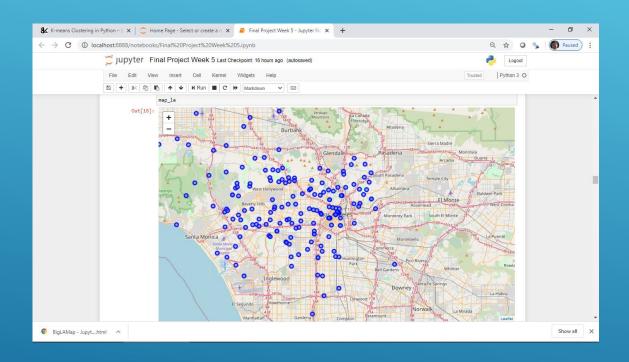
# Project Methodology and Data Sources

- Obtain neighborhood data from Wikipedia
- Transform the neighborhood data by supplementing it with location data
- Visualizing the neighborhood data and incorporating art gallery geolocation coordinates with it from Fourquare
- Analyzing the neighborhoods for existing art galleries and applying a machine learning algorithm to identify potential neighborhoods, including additional data visualization.

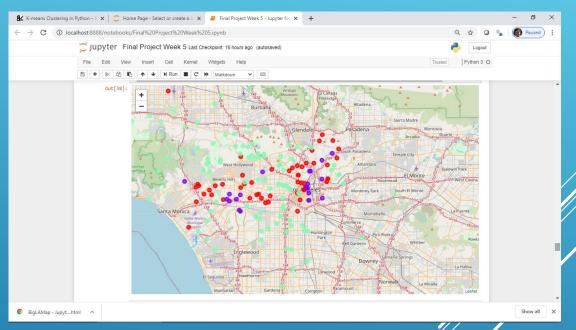
#### Screenshot of Neighborhood, Art Gallery and Location Data



# Data Visualizations/Maps of analysis



Map of all Los Angeles neighborhoods



Map of existing galleries in Los Angeles with most promising neighborhoods in blue

# Results

- 200 neighborhoods in Los Angeles
- 419 unique venues types within
   2000 meter radius of each neighborhood
- 79 existing art galleries

#### Discussion and Observations

Los Angeles has a population of 4 million people, living in 200 different neighborhoods, exacerbated by its transportation system, and far-flung development. The long-time trend of building out, versus up, and using freeways as opposed to a robust public transportation system, has created world-class urban sprawl for Los Angeles residents. Selecting a specific location for an art gallery is extremely challenging under these conditions. This study has helped identify potential locations in Cluster 1 neighborhoods, based on the current locations of existing galleries.

## Conclusion

- Further analysis is encouraged to narrow down specific locations in Cluster 1 neighborhoods.
- Neighborhoods that show particular promise include: Chinatown, Los Angeles Flower District, and the Little Tokyo/Arts District.
- These are all located in the Downtown Los Angeles area

