OVERVIEW:
If you’ve ever wanted to know more about L.A. — its past and present, its built and and natural environments, its political life, its celebrations and its tragedies — then this 4-week program (July 5-July 28) is for you. By the end of the month, you’ll know more about your city than you ever thought possible. You will also wrestle with the issues at stake in this year’s city elections, when Angelenos will choose a new Mayor, City Council, and School Board.

REQUIREMENTS:
Application on Google form: https://forms.gle/6aZBk1T42gBPdqSp7

DEADLINE:
APRIL 1, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Field trips to architectural, historical, and cultural sites
- Guest speakers experienced in politics, journalism, business, and the arts
- Readings from the best of L.A.’s writers and thinkers
- Discussion and debate with fellow students
- Deep dives into the histories of Boyle Heights and other selected L.A. neighborhoods.
- Stipend of $1,200 for all participants, to be paid at the end of the program
Yet we know that Los Angeles faces considerable challenges. We struggle to provide affordable housing. Too many of our neighbors live on the streets. We fear crime but worry that criminal justice isn’t always just. We want to protect the environment while we grow economic opportunity. We wonder how we can educate our youth, protect public health, and so much more.

During the Libros Fellowship, you will develop the tools to understand and improve your city. Learning from readings, films, expert guest speakers, and extensive field trips, you will discuss and debate the issues with other students. You will also witness how L.A.’s change-makers are working to improve our shared city. Speaking of change: For the first time in ten years, we’ll elect a new L.A. Mayor. This summer, we will preview mayoral candidates, and invite you to make your own political decisions.

If you are excited to learn more about your city, if you are unafraid to speak your mind (or would like to be), if you enjoy reading, writing, poetry, the arts, and politics, apply to join us this summer!