“I want to be able to go running or walking around my neighborhood but the sidewalks are often covered in weeds or cracked and unleveled. I know several students who have fallen while exercising or riding their bikes because of this. We try to be physically active but we don’t want to get hurt either! What can we do to fix this problem?”

-Eyvonne Long
South Los Angeles
Youth Activism Against Obesity

“Another empty lot? It seems like there is one on every corner near school. Oh wait, there it is! How can we get these empty lots cleaned up and have the community benefit from them?”

-Destiny Clark
South Los Angeles
Youth Activism Against Obesity
"I dream this place will become a site for a green safe accessible park for all community members. South Los Angeles has a plethora of empty lots that sit there and attract negative things. South Los Angeles also suffers greatly from obesity and diabetes. Could the two be linked? Yes!"

-Britanni Marie Dighero
South Los Angeles Youth Activism Against Obesity

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-Eyvonne Long
Dimetria Baker
Sade Johnson
South Los Angeles Youth Activism Against Obesity
“This is interesting…A wheel barrel in an empty lot. South Los Angeles lacks healthy food options and has too many fast food places. We also lack safe green spaces for physical activity and meditation. How about a community garden? Right here in this spot!"

-Jessica Orellana
South Los Angeles
Youth Activism Against Obesity

“Wouldn’t it be great if this empty lot was actually a park? Or a teen center? Somewhere the teens in our community could get together? Unfortunately, it just sits there and attracts trash and gang violence. I would love to see this lot turn into a safe place where we could get health education and physical activity at.”

-Susana Martinez
South Los Angeles
Youth Activism Against Obesity
“Could you believe this is right next to our school? And would you believe that it’s been there since the beginning of the school year? I walk home everyday, and see similar clumps of trash every block of the way.”

-Gustavo Mendoza
South Los Angeles
Youth Activism Against Obesity

“This empty lot is right across from our school, The Accelerated School. This space attracts a lot of homeless and gang members to congregate which becomes a safety issue for students when they are walking to and from school. Since it is right across from the school, it would be an ideal place for a teen center, community clinic, or a safe green space where we could do physical activity.”

-Juan Valdivia
South Los Angeles
Youth Activism Against Obesity
“This abandoned car and home is right behind our school parking lot. No one has cleaned it up or even been to this house since I’ve started high school. How can our neighborhood become beautiful if lots like this are not taken care of? Since it is right behind the school, and close to other homes, it causes a safety issue for all those around.”

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