1. Create an architecture / environment which will fit into the **character** of the Rowland Heights Community:
   - Culturally Diverse
   - Multi-Generational
   - Different Ages (Youth–Seniors)

2. Enhance **social engagement** between the user groups.

3. Create a place / landmark which functionally enhances and symbolically presents the **unity** of the Rowland Heights Community.

4. Maximize **indoor-outdoor** space / flow / function between the Community Center and the regional park site to capitalize on the park setting.

5. Maximize **view** and **openness** of interior space toward an outdoor open, green park.

6. Make **flexibility** and **multi-purpose use** the keywords of the design.

7. Implement **high** quality in design / materials / systems / performance with **low** maintenance and cost consciousness.

8. Obtain at least a **Silver LEED Rating** in sustainable design.

9. Provide an environment which is **safe** and **secure** (outdoor lighting / ease of access to parking).

10. Integrate **civic art** into the design.

11. **Expandability** to accommodate possible growth.

12. Design should satisfy and meet **ADA** (American with Disabilities Act) codes / requirements.

guiding principles