

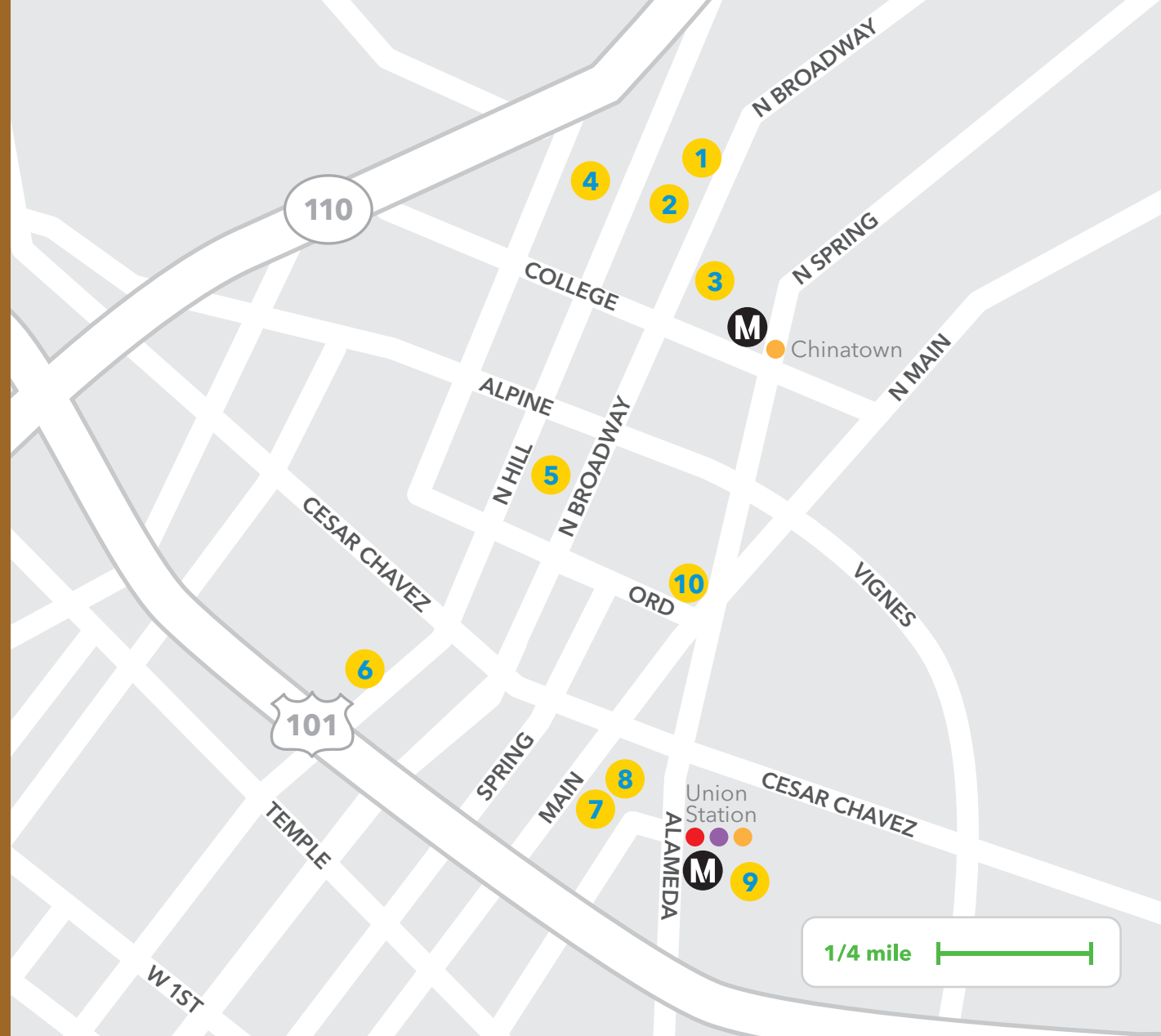


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1 Phoenix Bakery

969 N. Broadway

Founded in 1938 by the Chan family (who still run it) to make traditional Chinese pastries like sticky sugar butterflies and wintermelon cakes, as well as western sweets, this beloved bakery's signature product is its strawberry cream cake. Invented by Lun Chan in the 1940s, the whipped cream cake with fresh strawberries and almonds has become a staple of birthdays, weddings, and celebrations across the city. To meet demand, the popular bakery expanded to its current location in 1977.



2 Chinatown Central Plaza

947 N. Broadway

Walk through the East Gate, a traditional pailou, and enter the centerpiece of 1938's New Chinatown, where many cultural festivities occur. Along the pedestrian streets are curio stores, antique shops, art galleries, restaurants and fortune tellers. All of the funding for New Chinatown was from Chinese American investors, some of whom were displaced by the construction of Union Station in what was Old Chinatown in the 1930s. Be sure to toss coins in the wishing well (modeled on the Seven Star Caverns in Guangdong Province).



3 Little Joe's Restaurant / Blossom Plaza

904 N. Broadway

Before this area became Chinatown, it was Little Italy, and a beloved Italian restaurant occupied this site from 1927 until 1998. Popular with Hollywood stars in the 1940s, Little Joe's became an informal clubhouse for the Dodgers after they moved west. The restaurant was demolished in 2014 to build Blossom Plaza, a mixed-use development that links Broadway to the Chinatown Metro station. During that construction, a segment of the Zanja Madre (the original aqueduct that brought water to the Pueblo de Los Angeles) was unearthed. Bricks in the walkway of the plaza mark the Zanja's location.



4 Chinatown West Plaza

Chung King Ct. and Hill St.

West Plaza, built in the late 1940s, houses businesses on the ground floor and residences upstairs. The plaza is also home to Chung King Road, a small corridor lined with art galleries and studios interspersed among the curio shops.



5 Far East Plaza

727 N. Broadway

Opened in 1976, today this plaza remains an outpost for good eats. Historic restaurants here were among the first to introduce foods like dumplings, Chinese BBQ, and pho to Chinatown, including the first Ten Ren Tea shop, which is still in operation.



6 Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial

451 N. Hill St.

Known historically as Fort Hill, this site served as a military garrison during the Mexican-American War. The fort's namesake hill, which once stretched from Cesar Chavez Ave. to Temple St., was carved back—first in 1930 to expand Spring St., and then for the development of the Hollywood Freeway. The fort is now memorialized by a wide waterfall and the largest bas-relief military monument in the United States.



7 El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument

Between Cesar Chavez Ave. and Main, Los Angeles, Arcadia, and New High Sts.

This is the city's birthplace, the site of the pueblo established in 1781 that would become Los Angeles. Historically, the plaza here has always been the center of the city, whether it was under Spanish, Mexican, or American rule. Surrounding it are 27 historic buildings and Olvera Street, the world-famous outdoor Mexican marketplace. Other important sites here include the Chinese American Museum, Avila Adobe (LA's oldest residence) and the Italian Hall.



8 América Tropical

125 Paseo De La Plaza

Painted by David Alfaro Siqueiros in 1932 on the Italian Hall in El Pueblo, this mural depicts an indigenous person, crucified on a double cross beneath an American eagle. The controversial mural was covered with white paint that same year, but a restoration by the Getty Conservation Institute was completed in 2012. The mural typically can be seen from a viewing platform.



9 Union Station

800 N. Alameda St.

Built in 1939, LA Union Station is a combination of Spanish Colonial Revival and Art deco styles. In 2014, the building underwent a restoration to commemorate its 75th anniversary. Throughout the building and grounds, a diverse range of site-specific artwork is available for public view, along with changing art exhibitions. Visit: unionstationla.com/artwork to learn more.



10 Philippe The Original

1001 N. Alameda St.

Home to the Original French Dip, Philippe's has been located in Los Angeles since 1908, and in its current location since 1951. Fun fact: The price of a cup of coffee remained a nickel until 1977, when it was increased 100%, to a dime. It was more recently increased to \$1.30 a cup.

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