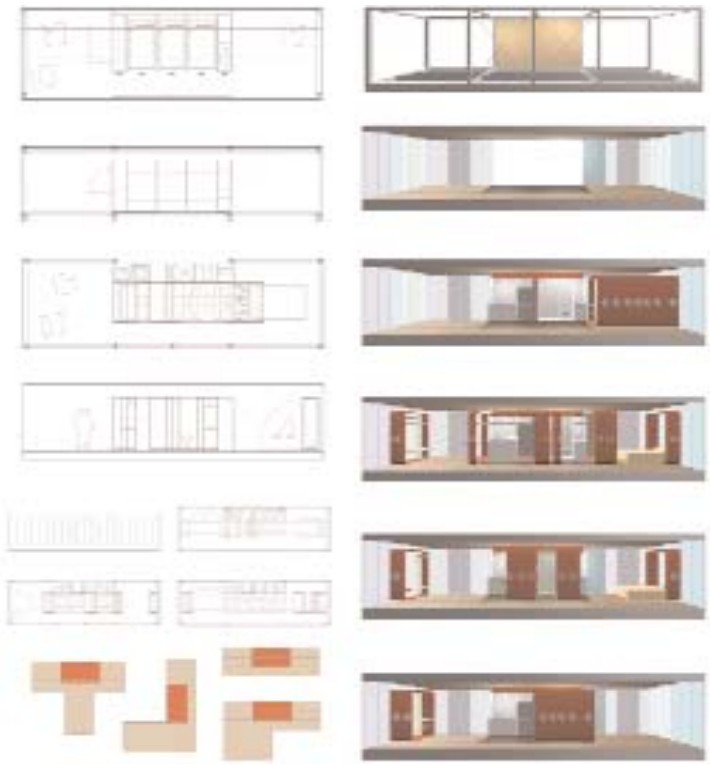

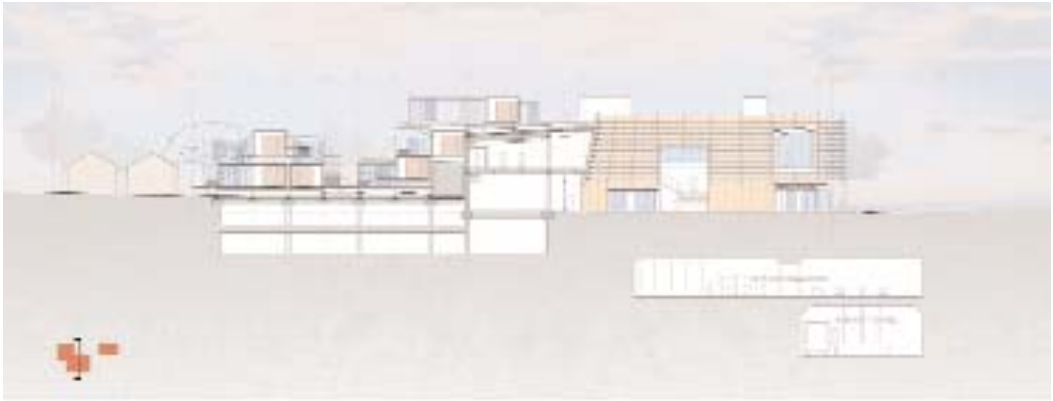

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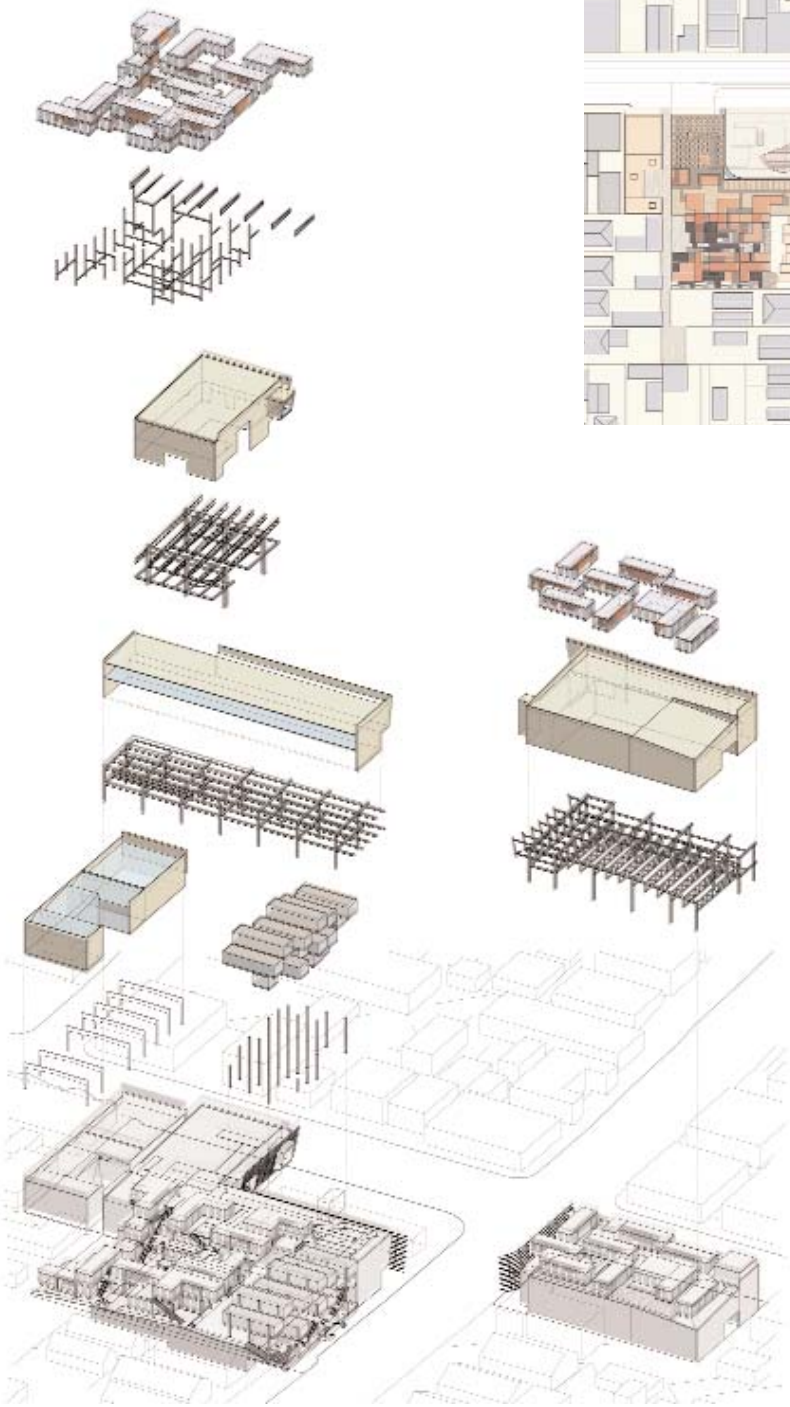

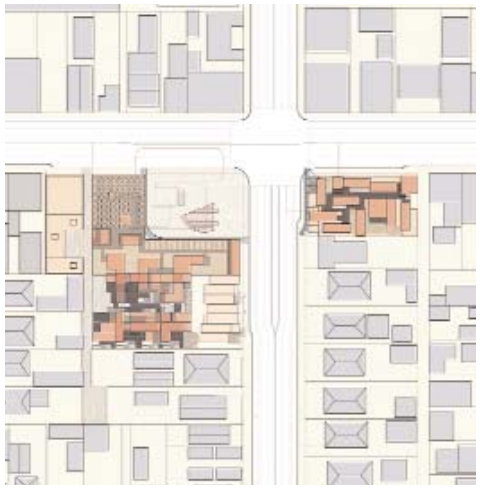

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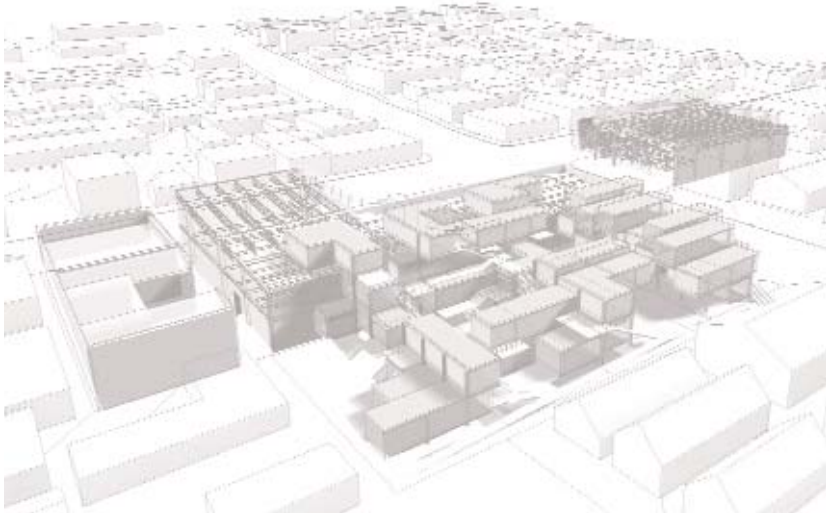
This project is an experiment in the possibilities of mixed use development adjacent to the new mass transit infrastructure of the gold line extension into East Los Angeles. On the corner of Soto and 1st streets in the heart of Boyle Heights, this project combines together multiple program types and multiple user groups all focused towards the creation of a vibrant and diverse project in the center of this community. These numerous program elements include the housing types of a youth hostel, eco-village sustainable units, artist lofts, and workforce row houses, the pubic functions of retail and office spaces, restaurants and street vendors, an art gallery, a bicycle shop, a public library, and a black box theater. The project takes these elements and capitalizes on the possible interrelationships in a symbiotic manner where the sum of whole is greater than the individual parts. The development draws elements of the surrounding community into itself and in turn disseminates and amplifies the qualities back into the community and the consciousness of the greater region. In short, the project is microcosm of the city and a possible future for the city of Los Angeles.