

YW Design Drivers



Our vision:

Women thriving in a safe and equitable community.

Our mission:

Intervene, empower and lead when and where women need us most.



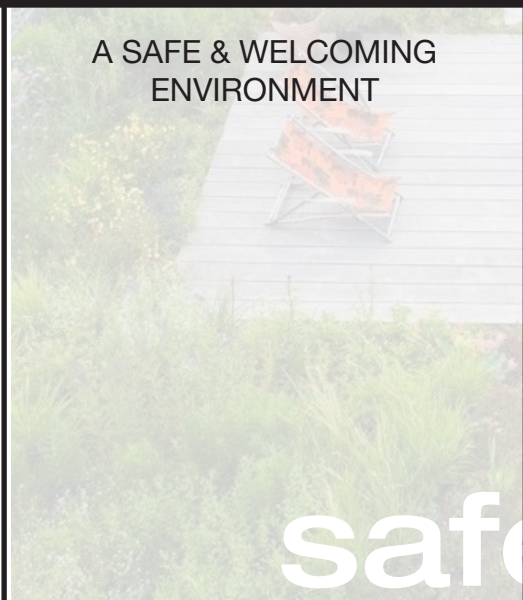
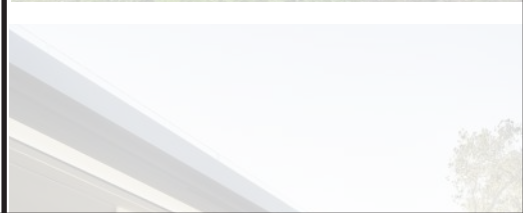
Our position statement:

Our services support women to gain control of their lives, achieve economic security and live free of violence.

We are hands-on, proactive providers and advocates for women's safety, social and economic rights – creating a better future for everyone.






DESIGN DRIVER	PRINCIPLE	DESIGN COMPONENTS
 <p>SAFE</p> 	 <p>A SAFE & WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The design and surrounding landscape ensures that sight lines in and around building and on the site promote visibility, a sense of safety and also free flow of movement (i.e., no one feels trapped from exiting or barred from entering public spaces and private spaces feel refuge-like).• The design and surrounding landscape utilizes glazing and lighting strategies to provide transparency/visibility within interior and into exterior spaces (i.e., CEPTED principles in form and massing).• The design ensures security strategies are present but not visible (i.e., provides for protected courtyards and raised outdoor spaces, integrated security desk, vegetation and plantings that are appropriate height and density).



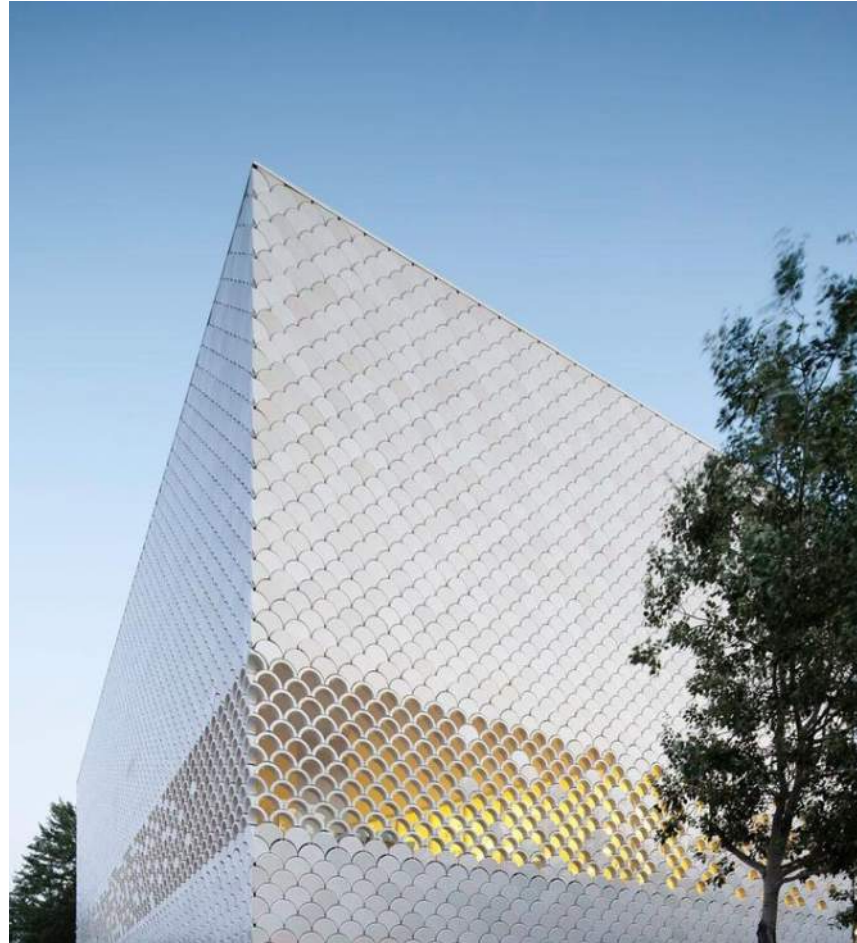


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RESILIENT	AN ENDURING AND FLEXIBLE ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The design allows for flexible spaces to provide for a wider range of uses (i.e., meeting rooms reconfigured into classrooms now and into the future, shelter rooms that can become multi-occupant stay rooms or adjoined in the future, multi-purpose space, hierarchy of space is important).• The design ensures that the architectural features and design will not become outdated – design is timeless (i.e., incorporates natural features and textures – brick, wood, metals, natural materials and textures are timeless).• The design promotes the use of sustainability principles and incorporates adaptable structural, mechanical, electrical systems for changes in program and uses in the future (i.e., green building, the use of durable, appropriate materials).



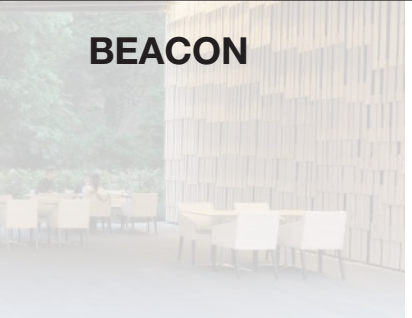
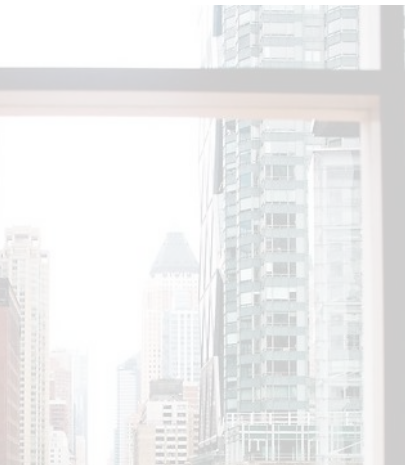
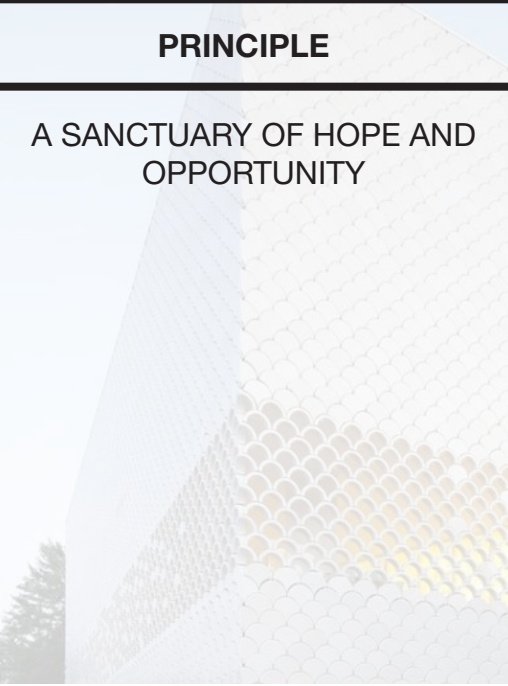

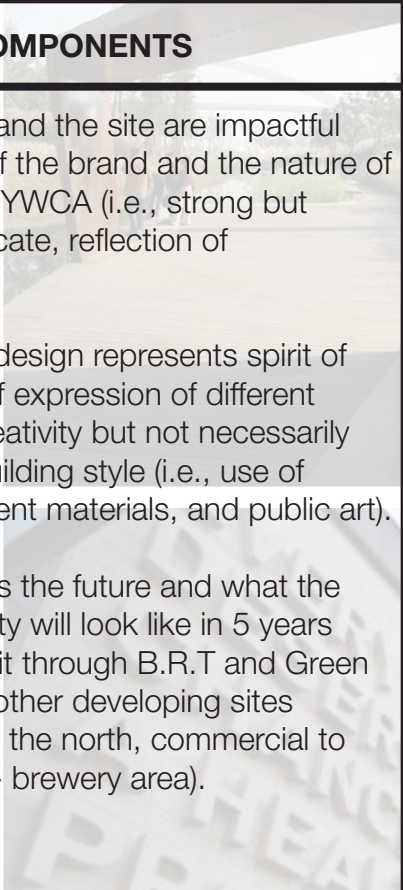


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WELL-BEING	A SPIRIT OF PLACE - PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The design employs WELL building design, site and operation principles and strategies – explore WELL building certification (i.e., natural light, air and water, nutrition, fitness).• The design and surrounding landscape provides a variety of outdoor spaces varying sizes and scale (i.e., healing gardens, private common spaces, openness to exteriors and strong indoor/ outdoor connections, roof top garden).• The design ensures that internal space is allocated for physical and mental well-being and social inspiration (i.e., peaceful, contemplative spaces, private yet open spaces, and communal tables, strong transitions between indoor and outdoor space, inner sanctuary, and adult playground).



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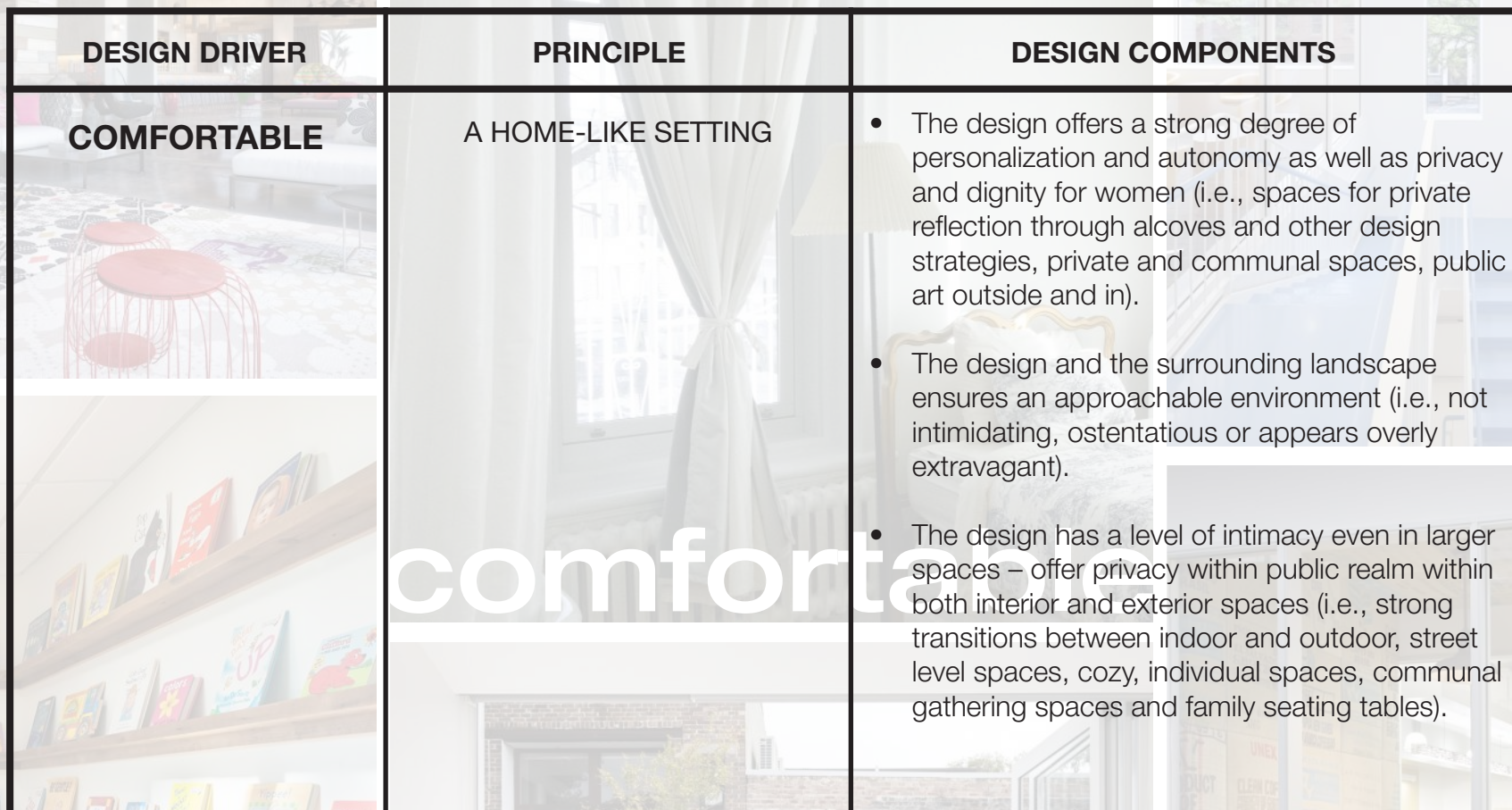


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BEACON  	 <p>A SANCTUARY OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY</p> <p>beacon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The building design and the site are impactful and representative of the brand and the nature of work undertaken by YWCA (i.e., strong but approachable, advocate, reflection of community). • The exterior/interior design represents spirit of place – supportive of expression of different design types and creativity but not necessarily rooted in heritage building style (i.e., use of texture, mixing different materials, and public art). • The design considers the future and what the Inglewood community will look like in 5 years (i.e., enhanced transit through B.R.T and Green Line LRT as well as other developing sites nearby, residential to the north, commercial to the south and west - brewery area).  

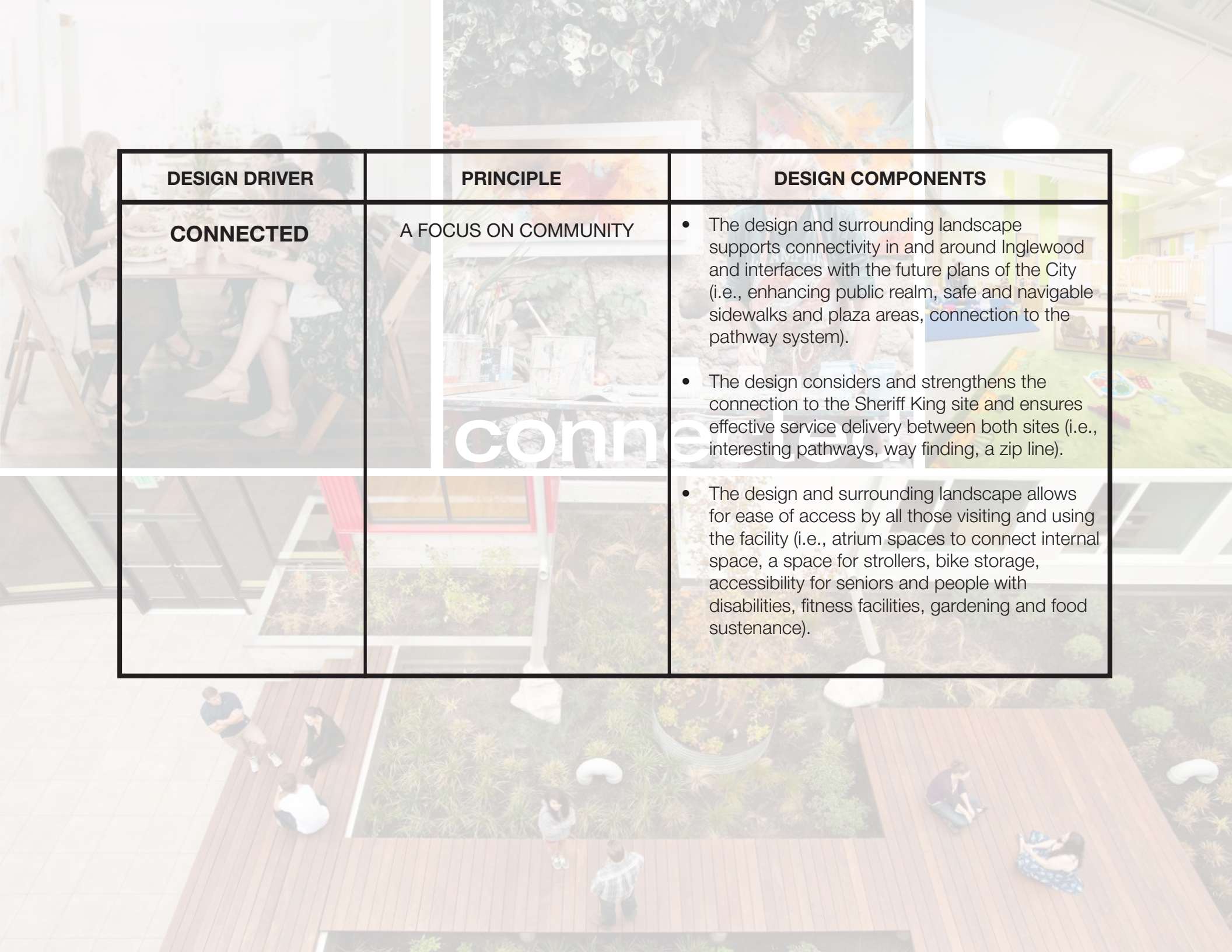


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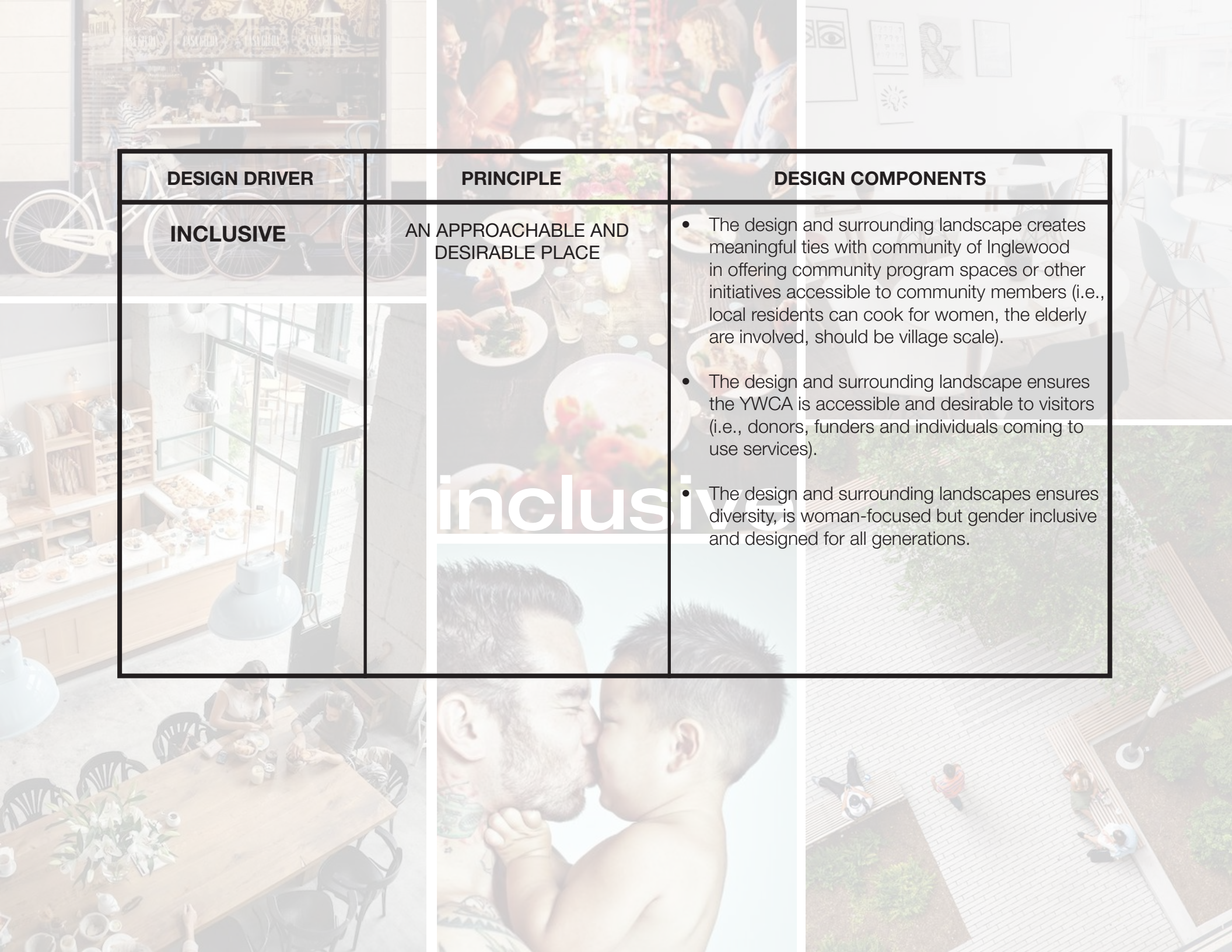
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<p>COMFORTABLE</p> 	<p>A HOME-LIKE SETTING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design offers a strong degree of personalization and autonomy as well as privacy and dignity for women (i.e., spaces for private reflection through alcoves and other design strategies, private and communal spaces, public art outside and in). • The design and the surrounding landscape ensures an approachable environment (i.e., not intimidating, ostentatious or appears overly extravagant). • The design has a level of intimacy even in larger spaces – offer privacy within public realm within both interior and exterior spaces (i.e., strong transitions between indoor and outdoor, street level spaces, cozy, individual spaces, communal gathering spaces and family seating tables).





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CONNECTED	A FOCUS ON COMMUNITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design and surrounding landscape supports connectivity in and around Inglewood and interfaces with the future plans of the City (i.e., enhancing public realm, safe and navigable sidewalks and plaza areas, connection to the pathway system). • The design considers and strengthens the connection to the Sheriff King site and ensures effective service delivery between both sites (i.e., interesting pathways, way finding, a zip line). • The design and surrounding landscape allows for ease of access by all those visiting and using the facility (i.e., atrium spaces to connect internal space, a space for strollers, bike storage, accessibility for seniors and people with disabilities, fitness facilities, gardening and food sustenance).





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INCLUSIVE	AN APPROACHABLE AND DESIRABLE PLACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design and surrounding landscape creates meaningful ties with community of Inglewood in offering community program spaces or other initiatives accessible to community members (i.e., local residents can cook for women, the elderly are involved, should be village scale). • The design and surrounding landscape ensures the YWCA is accessible and desirable to visitors (i.e., donors, funders and individuals coming to use services). • The design and surrounding landscapes ensures diversity, is woman-focused but gender inclusive and designed for all generations.