South Los Angeles Fitness and Community Center

Acting as a catalyst for its surrounding community, the South Los Angeles Fitness and Community Center sits on the edge of an industrial park and a residential neighborhood. The focus of the design is inspire, enlighten and deliver a fitness, swimming, community center and park for a community that is in need of its services and historically economically underdeveloped. The community center is placed in an existing industrial building on the north side of the site, utilizing and reviving the community’s past to create a new community center that will adequately function for years to come. The fitness center sweeps across the east side of the site, overlooking the South Los Angeles neighborhood, creating a conversation between its mass and that of the surrounding local businesses and homes. The basketball courts, locker room and swimming pool are placed around the center of the site, creating a large park that feels protected from the neighboring streets with views of the entire center. The far west side of the site features underground parking structure with a rooftop park meant for recreational sports. The design of the center is large, bold and meant to serve a much larger area than most fitness and community centers currently in Los Angeles. This is based off of a belief that, even though this community is economically struggling, it deserves a first class and inspirational building. This can change the way they view their situation, their dreams and the way the community will progress over the next century.
First Level Floor Plan

Third Level Floor Plan