# Building Renovation Frequently Asked Questions

**What is happening at Self Help Graphics?**

Self Help Graphics & Art will embark on its building renovation! We're so excited to improve our community's creative home, a 112+ year-old building,  and ensure the best possible experience for all.

To support this change, our team will be working temporarily off-site and our 1300 E. 1st St. building will be closed to the public starting April 17, 2023.

**Who is leading the work?**

Our renovation project is being managed by [TELACU Construction Management](#), and our building architects are [NAC](#),


**Will subcontractors be hired for the renovation?**

Yes, subcontractors will be sought for some elements of our renovation. If you have a local small business and would like to receive RFPs, please email [info@selfhelpgraphics.com](mailto:info@selfhelpgraphics.com) to be added to the interest list.


**When will construction begin and how long will it take?**

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in spring of 2023. The renovation is scheduled to take 18 - 24 months.


**Where will the administrative staff be located during the building renovation?**

Our temporary office can be accessed by appointment only. Please reach out to [info@selfhelpgraphics.com](mailto:info@selfhelpgraphics.com) for further information.

**What is the best way to get in touch with Self Help Graphics during the renovation?**

Staff emails, including info@selfhelpgraphics.com, and our phone number will remain active at (323) 881-6444.

**Will SHG offer public programming during the renovation?**

Yes. During this period of construction we'll continue to operate administratively and develop exhibitions, programs and workshops through community partnerships launching in April, to make room for **permanent roots**!

**Will SHG still host their annual Day of the Dead Event?**

Yes. Our Dia de los Muertos season will take place in partnership with Supervisor Hilda Solis' office and the East LA Library at the East LA Civic Center.

**Will art services and Barrio Mobile Art Studio programming be available?**

Yes, art services and BMAS opportunities will still be available for bookings. Please reach out to our Art Services Manager, Cynthia Navarro cynthia.navarro@selfhelpgraphics.com for inquiries.

**Can the public still purchase prints, catalogues and gifts?**

Yes. Our **online shop remains open**, but we appreciate your patience as we now ship orders 30-45 days from the date of purchase. This update will give us the necessary time to ship art, catalogues or merchandise from our new temporary packing facility. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

**Will the Professional Printmaking program be affected?**

No. Our Professional Printmaking Program will continue to produce works at our temporarily off site location with Master Printer, Dewey Tafoya. This program remains by invitation.

**Will Open Printmaking Studio hours be available during construction?**

No. SHG will be closed to the public for the duration of construction until further notice.


**Will the gallery be open during construction?**

No. Self Help Graphics will be closed to the public for the duration of construction. We look forward to sharing this journey with you! Stay informed on public programming at partner and satellite locations through our blog, social media (Facebook @selfhelpgraphics, Instagram and Twitter @shg1970) and our newsletters. Please sign up for our newsletters on our website.


**Will SHG be available as a rental venue during construction?**

No. venue rental services will not be offered beginning April 2023 and through the duration of construction. We look forward to having the community back in the newly renovated space when we reopen.


**How can I make a donation to support Self Help Graphics**?

Yes! Please text SHG to 41444 or visit us on our donor page here.


**Where can I find information about your Capital Campaign?**

You can learn more about our capital campaign and building renovation at selfhelpgraphics.com/capitalcampaign.