

Willowbrook

With Bronzeville/Little Tokyo greatly over crowded, the Little Tokyo Committee and elected officials sought to alleviate the problem by building temporary war housing for African Americans. One selected location was in the white neighborhood of Willowbrook, which was next to Watts and the then-white neighborhood of Compton.

The white Willowbrook homeowners protested, declaring that their home values would go down if African Americans were to live near them.

Because white homeowners could become violent, the Willowbrook situation was being closely watched by the Los Angeles County sheriff.