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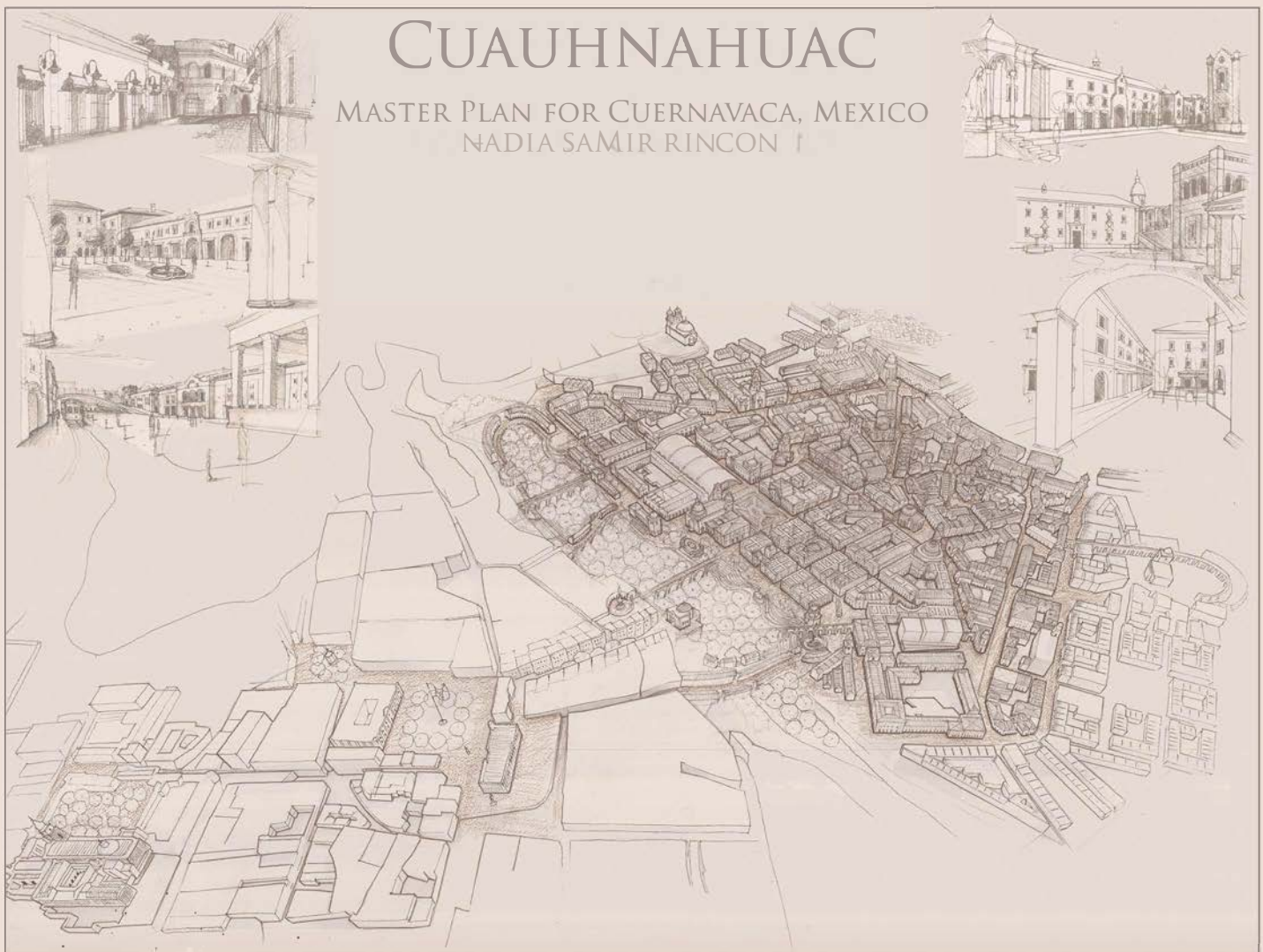


CUAUHNAHUAC WHICH MEANS 'SUR-
ROUNDED BY OR CLOSE TO TREES', IS
THE NAHUATL TERM FOR THE CITY
OF CUERNAVACA. IT WAS A THRIVING
COMMUNITY WITH A BEAUTIFUL LAND-
SCAPE AND TRADITION BUT NOW HAS
FACED PENURY, NEPOTISM, AND VIO-
LENCE, WHICH HAS TRAUMATIZED ITS
INHABITANTS AND IT IS DESTROYING
ITS URBAN STRUCTURE.



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BY EXTENDING THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN TO THE MARKET NEIGHBORHOOD (TIANQUIZ CALPULLI) AND CREATING A LINK OF HUMAN SCALE ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN INTERVENTIONS, YEARS OF ABUSE AND DECAY WILL BE RECTIFIED. BY DOING THIS, ONCE-LUSH LANDSCAPES AND HISTORICAL SITES WILL BE PRESERVED, TO ENHANCE CIVIC AND COMMUNITY SPACES. IT WILL PROVIDE THE RESOURCES FOR THE LOCAL CITIZENS AND TRANSITORY IMMIGRANTS TO FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING.

