Title: Heidi Swarts Collection of PICO and PACT Materials
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General Physical Description note: Good condition.
Abstract: The Heidi Swarts Collection spans the years 1989-2005 and contains letters, government documents, flyers, memos, and other organizational records from the People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO) and the People Acting Together in Community (PACT) organizations, acting, in this case, in the San Jose, California area.
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Dr. Heidi Swarts. Accession Number 2013.27
Collection Description
Professor of Political Science at Rutgers-Newark, Dr. Heidi Swarts donated this collection consisting of materials that she used for her research on community organizing. The Heidi Swarts Collection contains printed documents and copies of newspaper articles that detail the activities of community organizing agencies People Acting in Community Together (PACT) and People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO). PICO started as the Pacific Institute for Community Organizing, but changed its name once it became a national organization. PICO or PACT originally created the materials and then gave them to Dr. Swarts.
Within the collection one will find information on the various actions, meetings, and projects of these two organizations that took place within the city of San Jose in the years 1989-2005.
History of People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO) and People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
Donated by Dr. Heidi Swarts who conducted research on community organizations, this collection details the actions of two organizations in the San Jose area. PICO (Pacific Institute for Community Organization), of Oakland, California, is dedicated to organizing local communities—usually low-income—for social action. Founded by Jerry Helfrich, S.J., and John Baumann, S.J., PICO carries on the tradition of community organizing developed by Saul Alinsky, the person responsible in the United States for this type of social activism. PICO started as the Pacific Institute for Community Organizing, but as PICO grew into a National Network it changed its name to People Improving Communities through Organizing.
PACT was established in the San Jose area in 1985 under the direction of PICO. PACT is a faith-based community organization that reaches out to communities through religious institutions in an effort to inflict positive social change. PACT began to impacted significantly community life in the mid to late 90s, the reason most of this collection’s documentation on PACT’s activities dates from this era.
Arrangement
This Series is arranged based on original order and content. The collection is arranged in the following series and subseries:
- Series 1: People Acting in Community Together
  - Subseries 1: PACT Records
  - Subseries 2: PACT Media
  - Subseries 3: PACT Churches
- Series 2: People Improving Communities through Organizing
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Swarts, Heidi, Doctor
California -- Social conditions -- 20th century -- Sources
Community organization -- California -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Community organization -- United States -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Education -- California -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
PICO (Organization) -- Archives

Physical Description: 3.0 Boxes 1.3 linear feet
Series Description
Series 1 consists of various records, newspaper clippings, journal articles, and other documents that detail the work of PACT within the San Jose area.

Subseries Description
Subseries 1 contains documents that detail PACT's work in San Jose. It contains notes from major meetings, program descriptions from PACT's after school programs, newsletters, and other documents that detail PACT's political involvement in San Jose.

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Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

Box-folder 1:2
Prop 187: Agendas and Press Releases on migration into the Bay Area 1994
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Box-folder 1:3
PACT Trainings: Flyers and an Agenda for Leadership Training 1998
Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

Box-folder 1:4
PACT Fundraising and Budget: Fundraising Proposals, Budgets, and the PACT Constitution 1993-2000
Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

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Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

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Subseries 2 contains various media representations of PACT throughout the 90s. The media articles in which PACT was featured are articles in journals and various newspapers. These media outlets typically focus on either PACT's government involvement and advocacy or on PACT's after school programs.

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Subseries Description
Subseries 3 contains a file on the various parishes that were heavily involved with PACT. These files merited their own subseries because they outline the main communication network PACT used since PACT is a faith-based community advocacy group. Within this subseries are meeting notes, meeting agendas, memos, and flyers.

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Series 2: People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO).
Physical Description: 1.0 Box .5 linear feet
Series Description
This series contains correspondence, government documents, newspaper articles, and action plans from the San Jose area that were used by PICO in their support of PACT's efforts. Some of the correspondence is between Heidi Swarts and the PICO National organizers. The government documents involve general information on counties in the San Jose area. The newspaper articles typically highlight several notable PICO contributions or actions. The action plans are PICO's proposals to better an area's living conditions.

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Box-folder 4:12  Newspaper Articles on PICO Network Organizations 1989-1999
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Box-folder 4:13  PICO General Information Folders 1995-1996
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Box-folder 5:5  Santa Clara County Records 1997
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Series 3 Other Research Materials.
Physical Description: 1.0 Box .5 linear feet
Series Description
This series contains newspaper clippings, loose publications, and information on other organizational groupsthat do not directly correspond with PICO or PACT. Some of the contents appear to be predecessors of PICO andPACT in the San Jose area that the two community organizing groups used as models for their own work.
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