InnerCity Struggle Collection

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Abstract: InnerCity Struggle (ICS) works with youth and community residents to promote safe, healthy and non-violent communities in the Eastside of Los Angeles. ICS began as a project of Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission and launched as its own independent community organization in 1994. The founding Executive Director María Teixeira, led the organization forward based on a vision of building and promoting a safe, healthy and non-violent community in Boyle Heights by organizing and mobilizing community members to achieve that mission. As co-founder of InnerCity Struggle, Luis Sánchez launched the youth organizing component United Students and the parent organizing component Familias Unidas.

Language of Material: English

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Biography/Administrative History

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Scope and Content of Collection

The materials in the InnerCity Struggle Collection (ICS) were created in1987-2017. The bulk of this collection contains newspaper articles that include narrative surrounding InnerCity Struggle, higher education, youth movements, and the greater Los Angeles. Publications in form of journals, newsletters, programs also serve as a bulk of the collection. Journals and newsletters are not necessarily published by InnerCity Struggle instead there are resources that InnerCity Struggle used in their personal library. Other materials include youth programming materials, student writings, photographs, newspaper clippings and graduation sashes. The collection also includes ephemera related to its youth activist component with items such as posters, buttons, t-shirt and a commemorative ICS anniversary lock. Materials represented in this collection are the first accession of the collection. The collection was donated by the InnerCity Struggle organization in two accessions in 2015 and 2016.

Indexing Terms
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