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Biography/History
Scope and Content
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Indexing Terms
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Subjects
Brodkin, Karen--Archives.
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Box 1

**Digital images and video recordings. Circa early 1990s.**

**Scope and Content**

Contains "Oakwood: Struggle to Hold On to a Community" on VHS and DVD; "Let's Own It: The Struggle of The Lincoln Tenants Association" and "The Energy Puzzle: One Man's Solution" in VHS format; "Our Lives Are Not For Sale: EJ Victory Against Power Plant in South Gate, CA" on DVD; and a Mini CD labeled "from CBE: yuki@cbecal.org" that contains five image files of CBE assemblies and events.

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Box 2

**Interviews from Power Politics: Environmentalism in South Los Angeles on audio cassette tape. 2001.**

**Scope and Content**

Contains interviews with South Gate community members including students, community organizers and activists, and workers from Communities for a Better Environment. Interviewees include Martha Andrade (South Gate community activist), Milton Hernandez (Youth Environmental Justice activist), Raul Morial (South Gate mayor), Rhonda Nitschsky (Downey community activist), Roy Abadi (South Gate community activist), Xochilt Ruvalcaba (South Gate City Councilor) and Yuki Kidokoro (South Gate lead organizer).

Box 3

**Interviews from Power Politics: Environmentalism in South Los Angeles on audio cassette tape. 2001.**

**Scope and Content**

Contains interviews with South Gate community members including students, community organizers and activists, and workers from Communities for a Better Environment. Interviewees include Abram Ruiz (South Gate High School student), Angelo Logan (Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) organizer), Bahram Fazeli (CBE staff scientist), Celine Leyva, Marina Jimenez (South Gate community activists), Hector de la Torre, Henry Gonzalez (South Gate City Councilors), Leticia Ortiz, Veronica Sanchez (South Gate High School teachers) Jackie Amparo, Jairus Ramos, Geyman Hernandez, Jorge Duenas, and Marco Martinez (South Gate High School students).

Box 4

**Audio cassette tape recordings of interviews with Venice activists and from Power Politics: Environmentalism in South Los Angeles. 1989-2001.**

**Scope and Content**

Interviewees include Carol Fondiler, Mary Jane, Pearl White, Flora Chavez, Shearwood Flemming and Regina Hyman.

Box 5

**Audio cassette tape recordings of interviews from Making Democracy Matter: Identity and Activism in Los Angeles and Power Politics: Environmentalism in South Los Angeles. 1999-2001.**

**Scope and Content**

Interviewees include Aisha Livingston, Aquilina Soriano-Verzosa, Douglas Marmol, Eileen Ma, Michelle Mascarenhas, Milton Pascual, Norma Martinez, Quinh Nguyen, Roxane Auer, Liz Sunwoo, and Communities for a Better Environment members.

Scope and Content
Interviewees from *Making Democracy Matter* include Aisha Livingston, Aquilina Soriano-Verzosa, Douglas Marmol, Eileen Ma, Joann Lo, John Delloro, Michelle Mascarenhas, Milton Pascual, Norma Martinez, Quinh Nguyen, Roxane Auer, Stephanie Monroe, Tori Kim, and Liz Sunwoo. Interviewees from *Power Politics* include Angelo Logan, Carlos Porras, Carmen Avalos, Celine Leyva, Hector de la Torre, Henry Gonzales, Jairus Ramos, Leticia Ortiz, Veronica Sanchez, Jorge Duenas, Luis Cabrales, Robert Cabrales, Marco Martinez, Martha Andrade and Raul Morial.

Box 7  Venice research files.

Scope and Content
Files contain documents, photographs, and negatives from research with various collaborators and research assistants including Bobi Jackson, Venice poet and musician; Quinta Seward, co-researcher on the *Oakwood: Struggle to Hold onto a Community* video project about Venice’s African American community; Rachel Chapman, UCLA anthropology graduate student and Venice activist researcher, and Oakwood researchers Adande Washington and Monica Russel y Rodriguez.

Box 8  Lincoln Place Tenant Association and Venice research files.

Scope and Content
Files contain documents, photographs, and negatives from research with various collaborators and research assistants including Mary Hardy, collaborator on the *Let's Own It!* project with the Lincoln Place Tenants Association and Lincoln Place researcher Gail Sansbury.

Box 9  Photographs from Lincoln Place Tenant Association project; notes and ephemera from the *Power Politics*, South Gate, and Common Threads projects.