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Abstract: This collection consists of two series that document the history of the Confederation of La Raza Organizations within Santa Barbara. It is mostly comprised of newsletters, publications, action plans, announcements, and correspondence from the organization.
Physical Location: Del Norte
Language of Materials: The collection is in English.
General Physical Description note: 2 document boxes, 1 oversized box
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Biographical/Historical note:
In the late 1970's several local Latino advocacy groups in Santa Barbara united to form C.O.R.O. (Confederation of La Raza Organizations). C.O.R.O. began with over one hundred members representing a spectrum of Spanish-speaking groups, which included the Association of Mexican American Educators, Casa-Hermandad General de Trabajadores, CINAC, La Casa de la Raza, El Congreso, La Escuela Tiburcio Vasquez, Hermanas Mujeres Unidas, Migrant Parents Council, SBCC Junta Directiva, and the UCSB Chicano Caucus. The creation of C.O.R.O. symbolized the need for a unified voice to assert the needs of the Mexican/Chicano population in Santa Barbara. C.O.R.O. identified employment, housing, social services, legal assistance, and education as pressing key issues that would be addressed by the organization. C.O.R.O. recognized that the Mexican/Chicano community needed political clout and solidarity in order to challenge the status quo of Santa Barbara.
Scope and Contents note:
The collection includes newsletters, government publications, action plans, announcements and correspondence and news articles. It is arranged in two series. **Series I: Organizational Activity** is arranged alphabetically by folder title. This series consists of fifteen folders. The series contains statistical data and information on government sponsored housing resources for communities, government publications related to community development, and federal housing laws. **Series II: Newsletters and Publications** is arranged alphabetically by folder title; it provides important material that document C.O.R.O.'s fight for equal housing, civil rights, and education. It includes numerous news articles and newsletters that document boycotts, school reform, zoning and housing proposals that affected the Mexican/Chicano community in Santa Barbara during the late nineteen seventies. The oversize box contains several issues of Today, a Goleta community newspaper.
Subjects and Indexing Terms:
Correspondence
Mexican Americans -- California -- Santa Barbara
Mexican Americans -- Economic conditions
Mexican Americans -- Education
Mexican Americans -- Politics and government
Series I: Organizational Activity

Box 1, Folder 1  Affirmative Action/Civil Rights 1977-1980
Box 1, Folder 2  Arroyo Case 1978
Box 1, Folder 3  Casa de La Raza 1978-1979
Box 1, Folder 4  Community Development Part I 1975-1978
Box 1, Folder 5  Community Development Part II 1977-1979
Box 1, Folder 6  C.O.R.O. Correspondence 1978-1979
Box 1, Folder 7  Education Committee 1978-1979
Box 1, Folder 8  Election Committee 1978-1979
Box 2, Folder 1  General Membership Meeting Notes 1975-1979
Box 2, Folder 2  Health Issues 1979-1980
Box 2, Folder 3  Housing 1977-1979
Box 2, Folder 4  Immigration Action Committee 1978
Box 2, Folder 5  Steering Committee 1978-1979
Box 2, Folder 6  U.D.A.G. (Urban Development Action Grant) 1978
Box 2, Folder 7  Voting Rights Committee 1978

Series II: Newspapers and Publications

Box 2, Folder 9  Newsletters (related organizations) 1978-1979
Box 2, Folder 10  Newspaper Clippings 1978-1980
Box 3  Today newspaper (oversized container) 1979
Box 2, Folder 8  C.O.R.O. Newsletters 1979