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**Biographical note**
Lila Berman played an active role in the provision of mental health services in the Los Angeles area and in citizen participation in the formation of mental health policy in California. She was instrumental in the creation of the California Council on Mental Health's Citizens Advisory Council in 1968 and served as its first chair; served as the president of the California Coalition for Mental Health; and served as Executive Director of the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Centers.

**Scope and Content**
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