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## **Pacific Neighbors Inc. Records**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Pacific Neighbors Inc. Records

**Dates:** 1957-1967

**Collection Number:** 1984-18

**Creator/Collector:** Pacific Neighbors Inc.

**Extent:** 2 linear feet

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**Abstract:** Records and photographs of San Jose's Pacific Neighbors Sister City Program, primarily related to activities with sister cities Okayama, Japan, and San Jose, Costa Rica.

**Language of Material:** English

### **Access**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisition Information**

Gift to History San Jose in 1984.

### **Biography/Administrative History**

The national sister city program was established following President Dwight Eisenhower's 1956 White House Conference on Citizen Diplomacy. The idea for sister cities was one of 42 "People-To-People" initiatives that was formed at the White House Conference. San José's sister city affiliation with Okayama, Japan, established on May 26, 1957, was the third sister city affiliation following the inception of the national Sister Cities program in 1956. In 1961, San José established a relationship with San José, Costa Rica. Pacific Neighbors Inc. is a volunteer organization that supports the Sister Cities program, sponsoring and hosting events that represent the culture of San Jose's Sister Cities.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

Records and photographs of the Pacific Neighbors Sister City Program in San Jose, California, primarily related to activities with sister cities Okayama, Japan, and San Jose, Costa Rica. Includes executive records and publicity materials. A large series of photographs documents activities in San Jose to celebrate the relationship with Okayama, Japan; a second series includes many of Mayor Joseph Pace with Costa Rican representatives.

### **Indexing Terms**

Cultural relations

Sister Cities International

Okayama-shi (Japan)

San Jose (Calif.)

San José (Costa Rica)

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