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**GUIDE TO
CONFEDERATION OF LA RAZA ORGANIZATIONS
COLLECTION
(C.O.R.O.)
1975 - 1980**

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

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 in Santa Barbara.

SCOPE NOTE

The collection contains newsletters, government publications, action plans, announcements, and correspondence that document C.O.R.O. activity within the Santa Barbara community. 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 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.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I: ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Affirmative Action/Civil Rights, 1977-1980
1	2	Arroyo Case, 1978
1	3	Casa de La Raza, 1978-1979
1	4	Community Development Part I, 1975-1978
1	5	Community Development Part II, 1977-1979
1	6	C.O.R.O. Correspondence, 1978-1979
1	7	Education Committee, 1978-1979
1	8	Election Committee, 1978-1979
2	1	General Membership Meeting Notes, 1975-1979
2	2	Health Issues, 1979-1980
2	3	Housing, 1977-79
2	4	Immigration Action Committee, 1978
2	5	Steering Committee, 1978-1979
2	6	U.D.A.G. (Urban Development Action Grant), 1978
2	7	Voting Rights Committee, 1978

SERIES II: NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

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