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Biography

The Community Forum of San Joaquin was a community organization consisting primarily of educators and community leaders. The Forum's purpose was to conduct community research and to present its findings to the Stockton (Calif.) community through conferences and seminars in an effort to draw individuals into new and active civic roles. Many members of the board were faculty and administrators from the University of the Pacific and San Joaquin Delta Community College. The President of the Board was Fran Abbott, a Trustee of the Lincoln

Unified School District. This collection was created by Ronald Limbaugh, a member of the Board of Directors of the Forum, Professor of History at the University of the Pacific and Archivist at the Pacific Center for Western Studies.

Forerunners of Community Forum began with a conference styled "What Price Progress?" (1976) under a California Council for the Humanities in Public Policy (CCHPP) Grant to the Pacific Center of Western Studies at the University of the Pacific. The proceedings of the conference were published in the Pacific Historian. In Spring of 1977 a second conference called "Community '77, Stockton's Growth: Change and Challenge" was sponsored by the Sociology Department at the University of the Pacific and the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce.

A planning committee composed substantially of individuals attending the 1976 and 1977 conferences founded the Community Forum and set goals and workshops for a conference in the Fall of 1977 organized by the UOP Sociology Department faculty and students. A third conference "Toward the Year 2000: Social and Criminal Justice Planning for the Stockton Community" (1978) was sponsored by the UOP Sociology Department and the Community Forum and was funded by CCHPP. Seminars in 1978 and 1979 focused on Cultural Pluralism and were organized by George H. Lewis, UOP Sociology Department and a member of the Community Forum. Community '79 was held at Delta Community College and was called "How to Be Heard: Strategies for Citizen Participation in Government." It was organized by Ronald Limbaugh and Peggy Guttieri, Program Manager, Junior Achievement of Stockton.

Scope and Content

These papers consist of reports on community issues authored by Community Forum Task Forces or gathered by them for study. Report topics include: education, crime, city image, water issues, traffic patterns, refugee programs, and literacy. Also included are seminar reports, grant proposals to CCHPP, correspondence, minutes, treasurer's reports, budgets, flyers and publications about the conferences and seminars.

BOX 1: COMMUNITY FORUM PAPERS

1.1-Community Forum of San Joaquin By-Laws

1.2-Minutes

1.3-Correspondence, Memorandum, treasurer's reports

1.4-Community '77 flyers

1.5-Grant Proposal: 1978-1979 University Community Forum/Seminar Series, "The Active Community: Citizen Participation Human Values, and the Formation of Public Policy," April 1978

1.6-"Resubmission of a Proposal...," August 30, 1978

1.7-Policy Recommendations submitted by the Water Policy Commission of Community Forward of San Joaquin, Oct. 10, 1978

1.8-State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. "Social Conditions and California Crime: Reviving the Larger Issues", October 13, 1978. Prepared by Doug Knight and Fran Miller

1.9-Community Forum of San Joaquin. Report of the Community Forum Water Task Force, Oct. 24, 1978

1.10-Community Forum News, 1978

1.11-Follow up reports from 1978-1979 Seminars

- "Appreciating Cultural Pluralism in Stockton: Report and Recommendations," by George H. Lewis

- Cultural Pluralism Seminar--Synopsis Dec. 14, 1978, UOP Dec. 12, 1978 Coordinator George H. Lewis

- "The Active Community," [3 reports] Nov. 30, 1978, Nov-Dec. 1978, Feb. 13, 1979

1.12-Legislation to Establish Stockton Water District

1.13-1979 Folder

- "Community 79 How to Be Heard?"

- Seminar Reports: "The Active Community Citizen Participator, Values and the Formation of Public Policy," Oct. 1978 to March 1979

- Spring Policy Forum- May 12, 1979 program: "Community '79 How To Be Heard: Strategies for Citizen Participation in Government"

- Images: "A spectrum of neighborhood images in olde Stockton" [update covering period ending June 30, 1980]

1.14-Community Forum, 1980-81.

- Proposed Legislation to Establish Metropolitan Stockton Water District [no author or date]

- Papers to arrange work for UOP work/study students on Community Forum projects