

YOUNG LORDS ORGANIZATION

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The Young Lords collection is the result of an independent project sponsored by the Lincoln Park Project and the Center for Latino Research. Their goal is to gather oral histories from members of the Puerto Rican community in Chicago, particularly the members of the youth gang known as the Young Lords.

In the 1950's, a variety of ethnic groups resided in the Lincoln Park area and by the early 1960's a substantial Puerto Rican community was established around the south-western borders of the neighborhood. At this time, Orlando Davila formed the Young Lords to counter the mounting antagonism against Puerto Ricans by other youth gangs. During this stage of their existence, the Young Lords participated in gang fighting, crime and illegal drug use. In 1964, Jose "Cha-Cha" Jimenez assumed the leadership of the Young Lords. Cha-Cha spent the middle of the decade in and out of jail and the Young Lords ceased being a strong gang.

The Young Lords' inactivity changed in the late 1960's as social and economic concerns became more prevalent in the Puerto Rican community of Lincoln Park. Cha-Cha reorganized the gang into an organization that combated Urban Renewal, racism and inequality against the poor. They founded the People's Church and the People's Park, and helped to organize the Poor People's Coalition of Lincoln Park. The Young Lords participated in the social and political protest movements of the 1960's and 1970's.

The documents in this collection are divided into two categories: materials pertaining to the general activities of the Young Lords and the files from the aldermanic campaign of Jose "Cha-Cha" Jimenez. In addition, the collection contains photographs of the groups' activities during the 1960's and 1970's. The material was donated by Omar Lopez, former Minister of Information of the Young Lords.

Further information on the Young Lords is contained in:

1. Sheffield Neighborhood Association
Urban Renewal
2. Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Social, Economic and Housing Issues
Concerned Citizens of Lincoln Park
Concerned Puerto Rican Youths
Poor People's Coalition

Urban Renewal
Parcel 19CR

Poor People's Development Corporation

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3. Lincoln Park Community Conservation Council

See same subjects as above

4. Attached Resources List

Box 1	A Biographical History of Jose Cha-Cha Jimenez	1972
	Block Party/Memorial for Manuel Ramos and Pancho Lind	1974
	Law Suit Against the Chicago Tribune	1974
	Unity Rally	1974
	Lincoln Park Camp, Morning Meeting	no date
	Various Issues	1973-1974
	Jimenez Aldermanic Campaign	
	Announcement of Candidacy	1974
	Background Information	1974
	New Day Newsletter	1974
	Advertisement/Brochure	1974
	Speech to 46th Ward Independent Precinct Organization	1974
	Press Releases	1974-1975
	Newspaper Articles	1974-1975
	Delegate Elector Elections - Complaints	1974
	Stop Arson Program	1974
	Various Petitions and Flyers	1974-1975
	Invitations and Cards Sent Out	1974-1975
	Halloween Letter and Memorabilia	1974

Box 2 Oral Histories

	Interview with Cha Cha Jimenez – Transcript	Dec. 12, 1993
XX	Interview with Cha Cha Jimenez and Mom – Transcript in Spanish	Dec. 6, 1993 English version found at CLR
XX	Interview with Angie Adorno Navedo – Transcript # 1	Jan. 27, 1995
XX	Interview with Angie Adorno Navedo – Transcript # 2	Feb. 8, 1995
XX	Interview with Omar Lopez – Transcript # 1	Feb. 10, 1995
XX	Interview with Omar Lopez – Transcript # 2	Feb. 17, 1995
XX	Interview with Omar Lopez – Transcript # 3	Feb. 24, 1995
XX	Interview with Omar Lopez – Transcript # 4	No Date
XX	Interview with Carlos Flores – Transcript # 1	Sep. 11, 1995
XX	Interview with Carlos Flores – Transcript # 2	[1995]
XX	Interview with Alfredo Matias – Transcript # 1	Sep. 29, 1995
XX	Interview with Alfredo Matias – Transcript # 2	Oct. 4, 1995
XX	Interview with Alfredo Matias – Transcript # 3	Nov. 8, 1995
XX	Interview with Obed and Caralee Lopez – Transcript # 1	Oct. 17, 1995
XX	Interview with Obed and Caralee Lopez – Transcript # 2	

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Nov. 21, 1996

XX Interview with Fermin Perez, Sal de Riviero, Jose "Cha Cha"
Jimenez 1995/1996

XX Interview with Debra Johnson (Akua Njeri) – Transcript # 1
1995/1996

XX Interview with Debra Johnson (Akua Njeri) – Transcript # 2
1995/1996

XX Interview with Graciano Lopez – Transcript in Spanish Jan. 19, 1996

Box 3

Audio Tapes

Carlos Flores Sep./11/95
Cha Cha Jimenez [Dec. 12, 1993]
Cha Cha Jimenez and Mom Dec. 6, 1993
Omar Lopez 1995
Caralee and Obed Lopez – Tape #1 Oct. 17, 1995
Alfredo Matias – Tape #1 Dep. 29, 1995
Alfredo Matias – Tape #3 Nov. 8, 1995
Fermin Perez, Sal de Riviero, Jose "Cha Cha" Jimenez – Tape #1
1995/1996
Fermin Perez, Sal de Riviero, Jose "Cha Cha" Jimenez – Tape #2
1995/1996
Debra Johnson (Akua Njeri) – Tape #1 1995/1996
Debra Johnson (Akua Njeri) – Tape #2 1995/1996

Box 4

Student Papers

XX "From Outsiders to Insiders: The Young Lords See Their Bittersweet
Passage into Latino History" by Richard H. Chacon 1993

XX "The Young Lords: A New Generation of Puerto Ricans – The Puerto
Rican Civil Rights Movement in New York City" by
Jennifer Lee 1993

XX "The Young Lords: Forging A Puerto Rican Identity Through
Political Action" by K. Nolan 1997

XX "Young Lords" by Primitovo Cruz 1997

Newspaper Articles

"Young Lords Serve and Protect" May 1969

"You Can't Stop Us" June 1969

"We're Fighting For/There is No" 1969

"Latinos Battle for Place in History" No Date

W.G.N.'s Archives Index on the Young Lords No Date

Box 5

Photographs

Latin Kings Section Heads 1969

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"Paragons" - Precursors to the Young Lords N/D

Cha Cha Jimenez N/D

National Headquarters of the Young Lords N/D

Protest March (Division and Maple)

Protest March (Free Puerto Rico Now)

Protest March (Artist United Estudiante)

Welfare Union March

Protest March - Support of Farm Workers' Boycott of Grapes 1967

Free Huey Rally in Lincoln Park 1969

Protest March - Manuel Ramos 5/3/70

Block Party/Memorial for Manuel Ramos & Pancho Lind 5/4/70

Protest Marches - Unidentified

Teatro Campesino (Farm Workers' Theatre), Denver 1968

Puerto Rican Day Parade early 1970's

People's Church N/D

Boy Sitting in Front of Armitage Avenue Methodist Church 1968

Cecil Keagan, Community Resident and YLO Volunteer with Children at
the Breakfast Program N/D

People's Park 1969

"Jessie" Leader of RAMPANTS and Omar Lopez of YLO on Channel 11
Talk Show N/D

Young Lords Rally during Cha Cha's Campaign for Alderman N/D

Individuals

Individuals

Individuals

Street Scenes

Miscellaneous

Box 6 Photographs - Proof Sheets
 Clinic 4/1969
 People's Church
 Buildings and Demolition
 Protest Marches
 Individuals
 Groups/Meetings
 Miscellaneous

Box 7 Young Lords' Newspaper

Box 8 Negatives of Photographs