

Commission on Latino-Americans

Identifier: RG0091
Creator: Nebraska. Commission on Latino-Americans
Date: 1972-1987, 2014-2016
Extent: 24 archival boxes, 1 slim archival box
9.8 cubic feet

Administrative History

The Commission on Latino-Americans was created with the passage of LB1081 of the 2nd session of the 82nd Legislature in March 1972. It was originally known as the Mexican American Commission. The 2010 Legislature changed the name with passage of LB139. The commission serves as a link between Nebraska state government and the Latino population. The commission works with public, private and state agencies to serve the needs of Nebraska's Latino Americans on issues such as access to education, housing and health care as well as social, political and economic opportunities. The commission has nine members, appointed by the governor to three-year terms. The governor or the governor's designee serves as an ex officio member. The commission appoints an executive director.

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Scope and Content

This collection is divided into five series by record type:

1. Correspondence, 1972-1985
2. Subject Files, 1972-1985
3. Legal Files, 1979-1982
4. Commissioners' Files, 1972-1987
5. Programs and Events, 2014-2016

Access Restrictions

These records are public and open for use per Nebraska Revised Statute 84-712.01.

Languages and Scripts

Materials are primarily in English; some records are in Spanish.

Inventory

Series 1: Correspondence

Date: 1972-1985
Extent: 4.4 cubic feet
11 archival boxes

Scope and content: This series consists of administrative correspondence of the commission, including the correspondence of the director and assistant director. It is arranged into 3 subseries based on when it was created and by whom.

Related records: For the correspondence of the commissioners, see Series 4: Commissioners' Files.

Subseries 1: Administrative Correspondence, 1972-1975

Scope and content: This subseries is primarily arranged alphabetically by topic or agency.

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Correspondence, A-C

- f. 1 Administrative Services
- f. 2 Aging, Department of
- f. 3 ASCS Claims
- f. 4 Budget
- f. 5 Bi-lingual Conferences
- f. 6 Carrascolendas, Bi-lingual children television series
- f. 7 Chicano Awareness Center
- f. 8 Chicano Indian Economic Conference
- f. 9 Colleges, State
- f. 10 Community Action
- f. 11 Complaints
- f. 12 Conferences
- f. 13 Corrections, Dept. of
- f. 14 Crime Commission
- f. 15 Cuban Refugee Assistance
- f. 16 Correspondence, D-F
- f. 17 Economic Development
- f. 18 Economic Opportunity
- f. 19 Education, Dept. of
- f. 20 Educational Conference, 1973
- f. 21 Educational Television
- f. 22 Equal Opportunity Commission
- f. 23 Federal
- f. 24 Correspondence, G-I
- f. 25 Game and Parks Commission
- f. 26 Governor
- f. 27 Governor Conference on Human Resource Development
- f. 28 Health, Dept. of
- f. 29 Image, A Spanish Speaking Organization concerned with Govt. Employment
- f. 30 Indian Commission
- f. 31 Institutions, Department of Public

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- f. 1 Correspondence, J-L
- f. 2 Job Opportunities
- f. 3 Labor Dept.
- f. 4 Legislation
- f. 5 LA Raza (Southwest Council)
- f. 6 Legislators
- f. 7 Library Commission
- f. 8 Lincoln Community Action
- f. 9 Lincoln Public Schools
- f. 10 Literacy Council of Nebraska

- f. 11 Lyman Education Conference
- f. 12 Lyman Public Schools
- f. 13 Correspondence, M-O
- f. 14 Mexican American Education Conference, May 3-5, 1973
- f. 15 Migrant Conference, 1973
- f. 16 Migrant Fund
- f. 17 Migrant Meeting, 1973
- f. 18 Migrant Workers
- f. 19 Motor Vehicles, Dept. of
- f. 20 Old West Regional Commission
- f. 21 Correspondence, P-R
- f. 22 Panhandle Legal Services
- f. 23 Planning and Programming
- f. 24 Platte Valley Community Action
- f. 25 Public Welfare, Dept. of
- f. 26 Roads, Dept. of

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- f. 1 Correspondence, S-T
- f. 2 Southeast Nebraska Health Planning Council
- f. 3 State Claims Board
- f. 4 State Fair Board
- f. 5 State Patrol
- f. 6 State Patrol and Height Requirement Issue, 1973
- f. 7 Correspondence, U-W
- f. 8 University of Nebraska
- f. 9 U.S. Civil Service Commission
- f. 10 U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
- f. 11 U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- f. 12 U.S. Health, Education, and Welfare Dept.
- f. 13 U.S. Housing and Urban Development Dept.
- f. 14 U.S. Immigration and Naturalization
- f. 15 Veterans Affairs
- f. 16 Vista Program
- f. 17 Western Nebraska, Scottsbluff
- f. 18 Women's Commission, Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women

Subseries 2: Assistant Director Correspondence, 1981-1984

Scope and content: This subseries consists of correspondence from the assistant director of the Commission. Folders are arranged chronologically and by whether the correspondence was incoming or outgoing.

RG91, Series 1, Subseries 2, Box 1

- f. 1 Gloria Reifenrath, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982
- f. 2 Gloria Reifenrath, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982
- f. 3 Gloria Reifenrath, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982 (folder #2)
- f. 4 Gloria Reifenrath, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983
- f. 5 Gloria Reifenrath, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

- f. 6 Gloria Reifenrath, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983 (folder #2)
- f. 7 Gloria Reifenrath, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Subseries 3: Executive Director Correspondence, 1972-1985

Scope and content: This subseries consists of correspondence from the executive director of the Commission. It includes some general correspondence from the director's office as well. It is arranged chronologically and by whether it is incoming or outgoing.

RG91, Series 1, Subseries 3, Box 1

- f. 1 Correspondence, Director, 1972
- f. 2 Correspondence, Director, 1973
- f. 3 Correspondence, Director, 1974
- f. 4 Correspondence, Director, 1975
- f. 5 Jesse Cervantes, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982
- f. 6 Jesse Cervantes, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982
- f. 7 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

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- f. 1 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, 1982
- f. 2 Rudy Peralez, Outgoing Correspondence, 1982
- f. 3 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983 (folder I)
- f. 4 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983 (folder II)
- f. 5 Incoming General Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

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- f. 1 Outgoing General Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983
- f. 2 Rudy Peralez, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983 (folder I)
- f. 3 Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983 (folder II)
- f. 4 Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983 (folder III)
- f. 5 Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983 (folder IV)
- f. 6 Outgoing General Correspondence, Lincoln Office, July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

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- f. 1 Outgoing Correspondence, Western/Scottsbluff Office, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984
- f. 2 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984
- f. 3 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984 (folder II)
- f. 4 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984 (folder III)
- f. 5 Rudy Peralez, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984 (folder I)

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- f. 1 Rudy Peralez, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984 (folder II)
- f. 2 Incoming General Correspondence, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984
- f. 3 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, February 1, 1984-June 30, 1985
- f. 4 Incoming General Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985
- f. 5 Outgoing General Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985

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- f. 1 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985

- f. 2 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985 (folder II)
- f. 3 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985 (folder III)
- f. 4 Rudy Peralez, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985

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- f. 1 Rudy Peralez, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985 (folder II)
- f. 2 Rudy Peralez, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985 (folder III)
- f. 3 Rudy Peralez, Incoming Correspondence, January thru April 1985
- f. 4 Executive Director, Staff Memos and Misc., 1983
- f. 5 Executive Director, Staff Memos and Misc., 1983-1984
- f. 6 Executive Director, Staff Memos and Misc., 1985

Series 2: Subject Files

Date: 1972-1985

Extent: 4.4 cubic feet

11 archival boxes

Scope and content: This series consists of subject/topical files kept by the Commission, including reports, handbooks, newspaper clippings, statistical data and analysis, questionnaires, and research files. Some records are created by the Commission and some were created by other agencies but relate to the Commission's work. It is arranged alphabetically by subject matter.

RG91, Series 2, Box 1

- f. 1 Administrative Regulations, Mexican-American Commission, 1978-1985
- f. 2 Alcoholism Project, Status Report, 1976-1981
- f. 3 Annual Report, Executive Director, FY 1972-1973
- f. 4 Attitudinal Survey conducted at Lincoln Southeast High School, 1975
- f. 5 Audit Reports, 1972-1985
- f. 6 Bibliographic Guide to Ethnic Resource Center, Center for Great Plains Studies, 1978
- f. 7 Biographical Information, Executive Director, Sam Porras, 1972-1975

RG91, Series 2, Box 2

- f. 1 Census (1970), "Spanish Origin" data
- f. 2 Census (1970), Characteristics of the Population, Nebraska Statistics
- f. 3 Census Data, Population Reports, Nov. 1979
- f. 4 Census (1980), Hispanic
- f. 5 Census (1980), Hispanic data profiles
- f. 6 Chicano Awareness Days, 4/84, Nebraska Arts Council and Mexican American Comm.
- f. 7 College & University Students in Nebraska, List compiled by Mexican-American Comm., 1972
- f. 8 CRP917- Planning with Minority and Low-Income Groups, Presentation to Dept. of Community and Regional Planning Class, UNL, 1980

RG91, Series 2, Box 3

- f. 1 Doane College, Criminal Justice Symposium, 1982
- f. 2 Document Translations, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1980-1981
- f. 3 Document Translations, 1983-1985
- f. 4 Employee Handbook, Mexican American Commission, July 1983

- f. 5 Employee Handbook, Mexican American Commission, October 1984
- f. 6 Evaluation Summary of Nebraska Mexican American Commission, 1980-1981
- f. 7 Event, Mexican Fiesta, Granada Town Park, Sept. 18, 1976
- f. 8 Hispanic Education, 1980-1981
- f. 9 Hispanic, Educational Data, 1982
- f. 10 Hispanic Employment, 1981
- f. 11 Justice, Dept. of, Attorney General Opinions, 1980
- f. 12 La Raza, National Council of, 1984
- f. 13 Lecture Notes (Misc.), History of Hispanics in Nebraska; Migrant Farm Workers; Demographic Info. (n.d.)

RG91, Series 2, Box 4

Legislative Issues

- f. 1 LB1081, Creation of Mexican American Commission, March 10, 1972
- f. 2 LR225, Direct Service Issue, 1980
- f. 3 LB294, Abolish Mexican American Commission, 1980
- f. 4 LB294, Legislation introduced by Sen. Nichol, 1st Session, 87th Leg., 1981
- f. 5 Statutes, Elections at Large vs. Districts, 1982-1984
- f. 6 LB221, Interpreters for Deaf & Non-English Speaking in Court, Mexican American Commission Testimony, 1983
- f. 7 LR98, Certification of Court Interpreters, planning materials and data, 1982-1983
- f. 8 LR98, Certification of Court Interpreters, 1984
- f. 9 Legislative Resolutions, LR225 and LR226, Scottsbluff and Omaha, 1982
- f. 10 Legislation Resolutions Review, 1983

RG91, Series 2, Box 5

- f. 1 Library Resources, 1982
- f. 2 Mailing List, Commission Newsletter, 1975
- f. 3 Major Accomplishments, Mexican American Commission, 1984
- f. 4 Meeting Minutes, Vista Proposal, Feb. 10, 1981
- f. 5 Midwest Voter Registration, Education Conference Report, October 1984
- f. 6 Migrants, Nebr. Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Meeting in Scottsbluff, 1976
- f. 7 Migrant Farm Workers, photocopies of images/photos in the collections of NSHS, for documentary that was never completed, 1981
- f. 8 Minority Business Development Agency, 1984
- f. 9 Minority Business Development Grant, City of Omaha, 1982-1983
- f. 10 Minority Business Enterprises, 1983-1984

RG91, Series 2, Box 6

- f. 1 Minority Groups in Nebraska, Vocational Education Programs, UNL, 1980
- f. 2 Monthly Reports, Research Analyst, Mexican American Commission, July 1982-June 1983
- f. 3 Monthly Reports, Research Analyst, Mexican American Commission, July 1983-June 1984
- f. 4 News Network Bulletin Newsletter, Mexican American Commission, 1982-1984
- f. 5 Newsletter, Monthly Vital Statistics Report, National Center for Health Statistics, 1980-1984
- f. 6 Newspaper Clippings, 1975
- f. 7 Newspaper Clippings, 1976
- f. 8 Newspaper Clippings, 1980

- f. 9 Newspaper Clippings, 1981
- f. 10 Newspaper Clippings, 1982
- f. 11 Newspaper Clippings, 1983
- f. 12 Newspaper Clippings, 1984
- f. 13 Newspaper Clippings, 1985
- f. 14 Omaha Public Schools, Research Reports, Elementary and Secondary School Civil Rights Survey, Department of HEW, Title VI, 1972-1973
- f. 15 National Hispanic Council on Aging, 1984
- f. 16 Nebraska State Govt. Spending, Joe B. Williams and Sen. Karen Kilgarin Reports, 1982-1983
- f. 17 Organizational Charts, Mexican American Commission, 1972-1985

RG91, Series 2, Box 7

- f. 1 Report—Attitudes Study of Nebraska's Older Citizens, Southwestern Region, State Commission on Aging, 1978
- f. 2 Report—Desegregation: The Chicano in Omaha by Charles J. Alexander (UNO), 1977
- f. 3 Report—Educational Project in a Voter Registration Program by Stan Porras, MAC Exec. Director, August 1977
- f. 4 Report—Employment in the Panhandle by the Nebraska Advisory Committee, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Feb. 1981
- f. 5 Report—Evaluation of the Chicano Cultural Awareness Program by Ralph F. Grajeda, n.d.
- f. 6 Report—Health Care Situation of Mexican-Americans in Two Nebraska Counties, University of Nebraska Dept. of Political Science, June 1972
- f. 7 Report—Hispanic Enrollment and Completion Data in Elementary and Post-secondary Levels, 1981
- f. 8 Report—Honors Thesis by Albert Sanchez, Minority Political Recruitment and Policy Outputs, Case of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, 1984
- f. 9 Report—Identification of Extent, Type, and Accessibility of Hispanic Data Collected by Departments/Agencies Within the State of Nebraska by N. Steven King, 1980-1981
- f. 10 Report—Older Hispanics in Nebraska, 1981
- f. 11 Report—Mexican-American Settlement in Omaha by Nina L. Nixon, National Trust for Historic Preservation Intern, August 17, 1979
- f. 12 Report—Nevada Hispanic Population, August 1984
- f. 13 Report—Social and Attitudinal Correlates of Health Care Among Mexican-Americans by Univ. of Nebraska Dept. of Political Science, 1972
- f. 14 Report—Social Educational Needs of Mexican-American Students in Lyman, Nebraska by Rumaldo L. Lovato, Chadron State College, 1974
- f. 15 Report—The Simpson/Mazzoli Bill and Employment Discrimination, UNL Law School Paper, 1983
- f. 16 Report—Urban Geography of Chicano Students in Omaha Schools by Diana Stein, 1975
- f. 17 Report Synopsis, Western Office, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Mexican-American Commission, 1974-1980

RG91, Series 2, Box 8

- f. 1 School Dropouts, Nebraska, by Race (data), 1981 thru 1984
- f. 2 Scottsbluff Issue: Hispanic Voter Registration Project, City of Scottsbluff, 1982
- f. 3 Scottsbluff Issue: Statistical Data, Scotts Bluff County, Voter Registration and Hispanics, June 1983

- f. 4 Scottsbluff Issue: Scottsbluff Elections, 1983-1984
- f. 5 Scottsbluff Issue: Scottsbluff Schools, Misc. Information, 1976
- f. 6 Scottsbluff Issue: Hispanic Voter Registration Project Data, Scottsbluff, 1983
- f. 7 Scottsbluff Issue: MALDEF: At-large Election Challenge in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, (relevant information), 1983
- f. 8 Scottsbluff Issue: Report, At-large Elections and Voter Characteristics, City of Scottsbluff and Scotts Bluff County, 1984 (loose pages)
- f. 9 Scottsbluff Issue: Report, At-large Elections and Voter Characteristics, City of Scottsbluff and Scotts Bluff County, 1984 (bound report)

RG91, Series 2, Box 9

- f. 1 Sociological Questionnaires (Samples), 1978-1979
- f. 2 Staff Meetings, 1983-1985
- f. 3 Staff Realignment, 1980
- f. 4 State Directory Information, Mexican American Commission, 1984
- f. 5 Statewide Hispanic Needs Assessment, May 1979
- f. 6 Statewide Hispanic Needs Assessment, Steering Committee Meeting, May 1979
- f. 7 Statewide Hispanic Needs Assessment, August 1979
- f. 8 Statistical Analysis, Agency Requests (by category), 1981
- f. 9 Statistical Analysis, Agency Turnover Reports, Personnel, 1978-1985
- f. 10 Statistical Analysis, Agency Requests (by category), 1981-1984
- f. 11 Statistical Analysis, Agency Requests (by category), 1983-19834
- f. 12 Statistical Analysis, Agency Requests, Scottsbluff Office, (by category). 1983-1984
- f. 13 Statistical Data/Analysis, Nebraska, ACT Test Scores, 1982
- f. 14 Statistical Data, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Nebr. Counties, 1981-1983

RG91, Series 2, Box 10

- f. 1 Statistical Data, Dept. of Education, County Enrollment by Non-resident (Race, Gender) Status, 1982
- f. 2 Statistical Data, Dept. of Education, Higher Ed., Fall Enrollment and Compliance Report, HEGIS Forms, 1980-1982
- f. 3 Statistical Data, Income and Poverty Status for Counties, 1979-1980
- f. 4 Statistical Data, Per Capita Income, April 1983
- f. 5 Statistical Data, Nebraska Association of Farm Workers, 1983-1984
- f. 6 Statistical Data, Nebraska Association of Farm Workers/Migrants, includes Voucher Logs, 1985

RG91, Series 2, Box 11

- f. 1 UNL, Impact of Urban Political Structures, Proposal to National Science Foundation, 1982
- f. 2 Voting and Voter Registration, Misc. Reports and Studies, 1980-1983
- f. 3 Voting Rights Act of 1965, Bi-lingual Ballot Issue in Scotts Bluff County by N. Steven King, 1981
- f. 4 Workshop, Omaha, Older Hispanics in Omaha, July 30, 1981

Series 3: Legal Files

Date: 1979-1982

Extent: .4 cubic feet

1 archival box

Scope and content: This series consists of notes, correspondence, and copies of case files that relate to the work of the Commission.

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- f. 1 U.S. District Court of Wyoming, Luis Jimenez v. Robert Zimmerer, Donald Zimmerer, and Haybuster Manufacturing, Inc., Case No. 80-074B, 1982
- f. 2 U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska, Miguel G. Ramirez v. The City of Omaha, Civil No. 78-0-193, 1980
- f. 3 Penal/State Penitentiary Complex, Hunger Strike, 1980-1981

Series 4: Commissioners' Files

Date: 1972-1987

Extent: .4 cubic feet

1 archival box

Scope and content: This series consists of the records of the commissioners who serve on the Commission. It includes member lists and appointments, meeting notes, and commissioner correspondence. It is arranged by type of record and chronologically.

RG91, Series 4, Box 1

- f. 1 Gubernatorial Appointments of Commissioners, 1972-1986
- f. 2 Commissioners, Outgoing Correspondence, January 1982-1983
- f. 3 Commissioners, Outgoing Correspondence, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984
- f. 4 Correspondence, Commissioner Lucy Cullers, 1983-1985
- f. 5 Correspondence, Chairperson Clement Aquilar, July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984
- f. 6 Correspondence, Chairperson Joe Louie Romero, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985
- f. 7 Commissioners, Incoming Correspondence, July 1, 1984-June 30, 1985
- f. 8 Commissioners, Outgoing Correspondence, 1984-1985
- f. 9 Commission Meetings, 1984
- f. 10 Commission Members (listing of and terms of appointment) 1985-1987

Series 5: Programs and Events

Date: 2014-2016

Extent: .2 cubic feet

1 slim archival box

Scope and content: This series consist of records relating to public programs and events put on by the Commission. It consists of printed materials, essay submissions, and program materials.

RG91, Series 5, Box 1

- f. 1 Printed Materials, Forms, and Programs, Hispanic Heritage Month, 2015-2016
- f. 2 Hispanic Heritage Month, Essay Contest, 2015 Finalists from Schools, A thru Z
- f. 3 Hispanic Heritage Month, Essay Contest, 2016 Finalists from Schools, A thru Z
- f. 4 Hispanic Heritage Month, Nomination Awards, Letters of Recommendation, 2016, (Lisa Guill; Linda Garcia Perez; Jose Francisco Garcia; Dr. Brenda Ramero)
- f. 5 Programs, Hispanic/Latino Summit, 2014-2016