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Collection Overview

Repository:	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
Title:	Garry Garber DC Dept. of Recreation Collection
Identifier:	ACMA.06-098
Date:	1955-1998; 2006
Creator:	District of Columbia. Department of Recreation
Extent:	3.58 Linear feet (2 boxes and 1 oversize photograph)
Language:	Materials are in English and Spanish.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Leslie Garber in 2017 August. Additional materials donated by Leslie Garber 2019 June.

Processing Information

Collection level description and machine-readable guide completed by Jennifer Morris, 2019 July.

Preferred Citation

Garry Garber D.C. Department of Recreation Collection, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution, gift of the Garber Family.

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Biographical / Historical

Garry Garber, a Mexican American and California native, was a founding member of the Roving Leaders Program of Washington, DC's Department of Parks & Recreation. The program embedded mentors in underserved neighborhoods to cultivate leadership, civic engagement, and a sense of purpose among young residents. Serving in that role from 1956 to 1991, Mr. Garber mentored generations of Washingtonians and played a vital role in the city's early efforts to serve its Latino immigrant communities by advocating for resources, social services, and support from the local government. Largely prior to (but sometimes simultaneously with) his employment with the DC Department of Parks & Recreation, Mr. Garber was a collegiate, semi-professional, and professional boxer, having won the NCAA boxing championship in 1954, the Second Army Championship in 1948, 1949, and 1950, the Worldwide All Army Championship in 1950, the 1967 North American Bantamweight Championship, and was the only American to win a title and gold

medal at Israel's 1965 Maccabiah Games. He is a member of both the District of Columbia and Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents the activities of Garry Garber, a founder and 35-year member of the Roving Leaders Program of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation in Washington, DC. Materials include correspondence, brochures, reports, newsletters, financial records, meeting minutes, and the personal daily work diaries of Mr. Garber. It also contains meeting minutes from the 1965 Community Conference of Northwest Washington and the District of Columbia Commissioners' Youth Council from the years: 1957, 1958, and 1959.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Community life -- Washington, D.C.
- Hispanic Americans -- Washington, D.C. -- Social conditions
- Neighborhoods -- Washington, D.C. -- History
- Youth -- Recreation

Cultures:

- Hispanic Americans -- Washington, D.C. -- Social conditions

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Clippings -- 20th century
- Grant Proposals
- Newsletters
- Newspaper clippings
- Photographic prints
- Press releases