



Guide to the Lift Up Windsor Park Project Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Collector:	Neal, Dina
Title:	Lift Up Windsor Park Project Collection
ID:	MS-01140
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 2020 to 2023
Physical Description:	36 Digital Files (0.150 GB) PDF/A
Physical Description:	1 Websites (0.910 GB) WARC
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Lift Up Windsor Project Collection (approximately 2020-2023) contains digitized copies of North Las Vegas, Nevada City Council meeting minutes, geological and environmental impact statements, and other types of documentation originally published from the 1950s to 2010s that were collected by Sebastian Ross, graduate student at UNLV's Boyd School of Law and an archived version of the Lift up Windsor Park project website. Assemblywoman Dina Neal (now Nevada State Senator) led the project, which included faculty and students from UNLV's film department and law school, to research and advocate for Windsor Park, one of the first all-Black housing communities in North Las Vegas that was developed in the 1960s. The records in this collection represent the research material used for <i>Windsor Park: The Sinking Streets</i> documentary that tells the story of how the neighborhood was developed on top of an aquifer and seismic faults which have damaged homes over the past five decades.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The neighborhood of Windsor Park in North Las Vegas, Nevada was developed in the early 1960s as one of the first all-Black communities in then-segregated Southern Nevada. Windsor Park was built on top of a receding aquifer and seismic faults, which over time has caused sinking homes due to reactivated faults and surface fissures which were caused by subsidence starting in the 1980s. The North Las Vegas City Council passed a resolution in 1991 to suspend permits for new buildings and additions to existing buildings. In 1997, Windsor Park residents were offered \$50,000 to relocate to new homes in North Las Vegas. Although several dozen families accepted the offer, many other families, particularly elderly residents, remained in their homes as they felt that they could not buy a comparable home for the amount they were offered.

In 2019, the city of North Las Vegas moved toward approving a zoning change to build a warehousing facility on 86 acres of undeveloped land next to Windsor Park. Assemblywoman Dina Neal, whose district included Windsor Park, reached out to the UNLV Boyd School of Law for assistance to research the history of Windsor Park and raise advocacy for the community. The collaboration led to a partnership with UNLV's Department of Film in the College of Fine Arts to create *Windsor Park: The Sinking Streets*, a 14 minute documentary that tells the story of Windsor Park. The documentary, in turn, has raised awareness of the historic and ongoing structural issues in Windsor Park and has opened up opportunities and conversations between Neal, city of North Las Vegas officials, and developers.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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Acquisition Note

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Processing Note

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Names and Subjects

- North Las Vegas (Nev.)
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Windsor Park (North Las Vegas, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Research files consisting of records published from the 1950s to 2010s including city of North Las Vegas city council meeting minutes and resolutions, geological and EIS reports, newsletters, and maps related to the Windsor Park neighborhood, approximately 2020 to 2021 Physical Description: 36 Digital Files (0.150 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
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