Young Lords
In Lincoln Park

Interviewee: Jose Jimenez
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Biography and Description
Oral history and interview of Jose “Cha-Cha” Jimenez on March 15, 2012 about the Young Lords in Lincoln Park.

"The Young Lords in Lincoln Park" collection grows out of decades of work to more fully document the history of Chicago’s Puerto Rican community which gave birth to the Young Lords Organization and later, the Young Lords Party. Founded by Mr. José “Cha-Cha” Jiménez, the Young Lords became one of the premier struggles for international human rights. Where thriving church congregations, social and political clubs, restaurants, groceries, and family residences once flourished, successive waves of urban
renewal and gentrification forcibly displaced most of those Puerto Ricans, Mejicanos, other Latinos, working-class and impoverished families, and their children in the 1950s and 1960s. Today these same families and activists also risk losing their history.