

Mission Statement

Reclaiming Roots is a community archive and digital exhibit that uplifts the voices of East Los Angeles's Chicano/a/x and immigrant communities through firsthand materials. Our mission is to preserve and share personal histories that challenge erasure, promote cultural pride, and serve as educational resources for future generations. This project is grounded in equity, access, and community ownership.

Featured Items in the Exhibit

#	Material Type	Item Description	Format
1	Manuscript	<i>Letter from Community Elder, 1885</i> – A handwritten letter in Spanish about early neighborhood struggles and faith.	Scanned image (JPEG)
2	Manuscript	<i>Personal Diary Page, 1923</i> – Excerpt from a diary by a young woman attending Garfield High.	Scanned diary (PDF/image)
3	Printed Material	<i>Bilingual Protest Flyer, 1972</i> – Civil Rights and Immigration Reform advocacy flyer.	JPEG
4	Printed Material	<i>Community Festival Poster, 1989</i> – A brightly colored art event flyer available in both English and Spanish.	PNG
5	Photographic Material	<i>Family Portrait, 1948</i> – Black and white photo of a family outside their Boyle Heights home.	JPEG
6	Photographic Material	<i>East L.A. Mural, 1996</i> – Photo of a community-painted mural honoring migrant farmworkers.	JPEG
7	Moving Image	<i>Home Video: Cultural Parade, 1983</i> – Footage of a vibrant Día de los Muertos parade.	Embedded video (MP4 or YouTube)
8	Moving Image	<i>TV News Segment: Rent Strikes, 1992</i> – Archival news clip covering housing activism.	MP4 (with subtitles)
9	Recorded Sound	<i>Oral History: Doña Luz, 1975</i> – Interview in Spanish with community elder on migration.	MP3 with transcript
10	Ephemera	<i>Fabric Patch from Protest Shirt, 1970</i> – Worn at a labor rights rally.	High-res image (TIFF/JPEG)