

**Oral History  
Pre-Interview Form**

Please complete as many of the following questions as you can gather before your oral history interview. Feel free to add any additional information that you think will help the interviewer prepare for your interview on a separate sheet.

**Your Basic Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

What languages were spoken in your household regularly from the time of your birth? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you had caretakers during your childhood other than your parents, what languages did these caretakers speak fluently? \_\_\_\_\_

**Family History**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (check highest level of education):

\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_ elementary \_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_ graduate school.

If your mother attended college, please list name of the school and date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupational History: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

What languages did/does your mother speak fluently? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Political Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Parents' Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Year of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (check highest level of education):

\_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_ elementary \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_ graduate school

If your father attended college, please list name of school and date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupational History:

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Father's Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

What languages did/does your father speak fluently? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Political Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of your siblings, dates of birth and highest level of education attained. (Please list name of school and date of graduation, if possible.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Family (if applicable)**

Spouse/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's Place/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's Education (check highest level of education):

\_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_ elementary \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_ graduate school

If your spouse attended college, please list name of school and date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse/Partner's Occupational History (Please list by date, in reverse chronological order, including positions held) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date/Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Please give names of your children, date of birth, level of education attained. Please also include name of school(s) and date of degree(s), if possible: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**Your History In Los Angeles**

Please list the communities where you have lived, and the dates you lived there (ex: Highland Park, 1960-1963, Boyle Heights 1963-1985): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Former home address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Type of residence: \_\_\_\_\_ house, \_\_\_\_\_ apartment, \_\_\_\_\_ duplex \_\_\_\_\_ other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who lived/lives with you: \_\_\_\_\_

If you own real estate, where/what is it: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Religious affiliations – name(s) and locations(s) of places of worship, and years of attendance/membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Your Education**

Elementary School – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

High School and/or Technical/Professional School – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Greek Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Teams: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School(s) – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Career & Life Experiences**

Occupational History (Please list by date, in reverse chronological order, including positions held):

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What languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak different languages at home and at work, or with different people? What are these differences? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of transportation you take/took: \_\_\_\_\_

Family history in this field: \_\_\_\_\_

Were/are you involved in any civic or volunteer activities? Please explain:

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Did you ever run for and/or hold political office? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Were/are you involved in any social, cultural and/or political movements? Please explain:

**For Those Who Served in the Military**

Date and Place of Induction: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you complete basic training? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you complete advanced training? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you enter an officer's training program? \_\_\_\_\_

When and where did you complete your training? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you apply for any specialized branches of the service or training opportunities (i.e. the airborne, radio school, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_ If accepted, please list and give dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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What was your primary job(s) in the military (i.e., infantryman, pilot, clerk, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the units you served with while on active duty, places you served and approximate dates of service. If you were a career military officer/enlisted person, you may wish to include a résumé: \_\_\_\_\_

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