
Latino Activism – 1960s and 1970s to the present

Presentation by Oscar Rios
Labor organizer, former Mayor of Watsonville

Thursday, May 2, 2002
California History Center
7:30 p.m.

Oscar Rios, former Mayor of Watsonville and labor organizer will speak at the California History Center on Thursday, May 2, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., on his many years of activism in the Latino and Mexicano communities of the Bay Area and Central Coast Region.

Rios became the first Latino Mayor of Watsonville after a voting rights lawsuit won the right for voters in Watsonville to have district elections in 1989. Rios gain the support of a heavily Mexicano/Latino district after having been a labor activist and organizer during the Watsonville Cannery Strike preceding the elections in Watsonville.

Rios will speak on voting rights, Latino activism and how the movements of the 1960s and 1970s influenced his decision to make a lifetime commitment to political involvement.

Come hear Rios and view the California History Center's latest exhibit entitled, "The Whole World's Watching: Peace and Social Justice Movement of the 1960s and 1970s" which features over 90 photographs documenting peace, anti-war, civil rights, women and disabled rights movements and much more.

Please come early to view the exhibit, "The Whole World's Watching: Peace and Social Justice Movements of the 1960s and 1970s."

Call Tom Izu, (408) 864-8986 for more information

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