

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Rick Jennings

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Jennings, Rick, 1953-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings,
Dates:	April 5, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:12:56).
Abstract:	Nonprofit executive and government official Rick Jennings (1953 -) served on the Sacramento Unified School District board of directors for twelve years, and on the Sacramento City Council, in addition to serving as the chief executive officer of the Center for Fathers and Families. Jennings was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 5, 2018, in Sacramento, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_064
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive and government official Rick Jennings was born on April 17, 1953 in Houston, Texas to Clara J. Hopkins and Richard Jennings. Jennings was raised in Washington D.C. by his mother and stepfather, Estis Jack Hopkins. He graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School in 1972, and received an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Maryland, College Park. Jennings graduated with his B.A. degree in criminal justice in 1976.

Upon graduating in 1976, Jennings was drafted by the Oakland Raiders, and played with them in Super Bowl XI, but retired from professional football in 1977, after two seasons. In 1980, Jennings was hired as a sales representative at the Xerox Corporation, and was promoted to regional sales manager in 1990. In 1992, he became the chief executive officer of St. Hope Academy. Jennings was elected to serve on the Sacramento Unified City School Board in 1996; and the next year, Jennings served as the chief executive officer and executive director of the Center for Fathers and Families, a nonprofit organization offering parenting classes and mentoring programs in Sacramento. As executive director, Jennings launched the Making After School Time Rich and Rewarding (MASTERS) program and the Check In/Check Out program. Jennings was re-elected to the Sacramento Unified City School board of directors in 2000, and again in 2004. In 2014, he was elected to represent district seven on the Sacramento City Council. Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson appointed Jennings to serve on the Law and Legislation Committee and the Budget and Legislation Committee. He was also appointed to represent the City of Sacramento with The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, the Sacramento Public Library Authority, the Sacramento Regional Transit Authority, the Regional Water Authority, and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority. In 2016, Jennings was named Vice Mayor of Sacramento.

Jennings served on the board of directors of the Sacramento Sports Commission and the Wells Fargo Advisory Board. He also served on the board of the Los Rios Advisory Foundation. In 2017, Jennings was named a Dream All-Star by the Sacramento Kings.

Jennings and his wife, Cassandra Jennings, have two children, TJ and Asha.

Rick Jennings was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 5, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Rick Jennings was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 5, 2018, in Sacramento, California, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive and government official Rick Jennings (1953 -) served on the Sacramento Unified School District board of directors for twelve years, and on the Sacramento City Council, in addition to serving as the chief executive officer of the Center for Fathers and Families.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Jennings, Rick, 1953-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Jennings, Rick, 1953- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

City Council Member

HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings, Section A2018_064_001_001, TRT: 1:28:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings, Section A2018_064_001_002, TRT: 2:27:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings, Section A2018_064_001_003, TRT: 3:28:39 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings, Section A2018_064_001_004, TRT: 4:30:16 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings, Section A2018_064_001_005, TRT: 5:31:01 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings, Section A2018_064_001_006, TRT: 6:28:15 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings, Section A2018_064_001_007, TRT: 7:10:30 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Rick Jennings, Section A2018_064_001_008, TRT: 8:07:50 ?