

While Jane Tolmach was on the Oxnard City Planning Commission she voted against the special zone for the subdivision Rose Park because it would increase the density of the already overcrowded Colonia area and because the Colonia area had no under the railroad (or over) pass.

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Interest in the Mexican-American and his rights for a long time. Jane Tolmach has worked for years to increase the registration of voters in the Colonia area and to increase the voter turnout in that area. Many times she has walked door to door in the Colonia to do both.

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Jane Tolmach wrote a letter to the editor in 1960 criticizing the High School Board of Trustees when they refused to comply with the Fair Employment Practices Commission requests.

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Joined C.S.O. the first time it formed here in Oxnard.

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Registered a formal complaint when Mexican Americans were challenged at the polls in 1960 and made to show that they could read the constitution in English. She went to the poll and talked with election officials pointing out that the lady could read English but was upset at the challenge which made it more difficult to read in the second language. She also wanted to know the reason that the lady was challenged, whether it was just because she spoke with an accent. It was. Jane Tolmach pursued this complaint in the State legislature. The law was changed at that time to prohibit a challenge on ability to read the constitution in English at the polls. Her complaint helped push this law through.

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In 1949 a neighbor came with a petition to object to a Mexican family buying a home next door and she ran the neighbor off.