

Rosa Olga Navarro, one of the members of the Chicano Park Steering Committee, has actively been a part of the Chicano Movement since 1968. A native of Cypress Park in East Los Angeles, daughter of an American citizen mother from Iowa and a Zapotec Indian father from Oaxaca, Mexico, Rosa began her political involvement demanding better education, relevant curriculum and relevant teachers with the student walkouts. She married and became a mother at 17, but this did not hinder her education, rather she was inspired through her involvement in parent community groups that called for an improvement in the schooling of their children to finish high school by attending night classes. In 1970 Rosa, her husband and two children moved to San Diego to continue her education at San Diego City College. As a student in San Diego, Rosa became actively involved as the Political Chairmen of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA). She continued supporting the walkouts in her new community and was drawn to the struggle for Chicano Park in 1970, supporting the movement through political involvement at first and she continues to fight for expansion and preservation of the park today. As the leader of the danzante group Toltecas en Atzlán, Rosa Olga is able to continue her activism for such important issues as education and immigration. Danzantes are not only present at Chicano celebrations for mere entertainment, rather they are always at the head of demonstrations and there to inspire others. As the leader of Toltecas en Atzlán and member of the Chicano Park Steering Committee, Rosa Olga continues to serve her community and educate the people of the importance of equality. The dance is very important to Rosa Olga and it is a very significant part of her life. Rosa Olga Navarro has accomplished so much in her own personal life as well as for the community of Barrio Logan, her efforts are never to be forgotten for without them, Chicano Park and the Danzantes would not be the same today.

Gracias Rosa Olga Por todo que has hecho por la comunidad.