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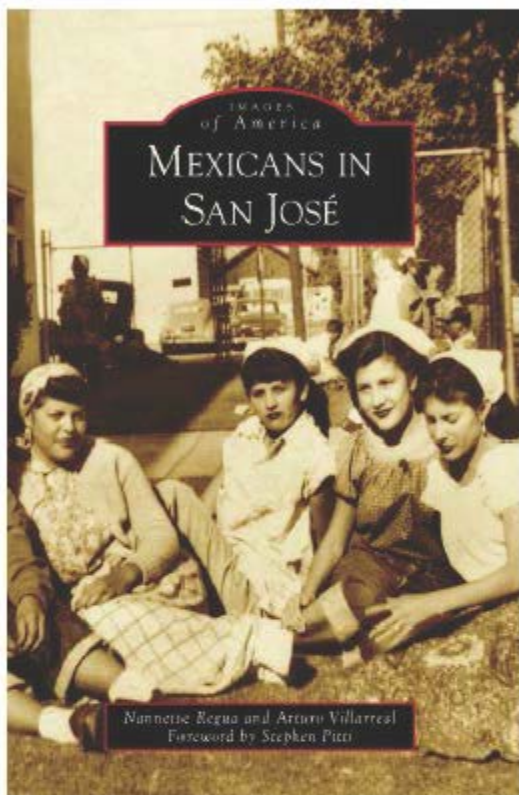
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Mexicans in San José



Since the founding of California's El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe in 1777, people of Mexican ancestry have contributed to make San José a rich cultural, political, and economic epicenter. In the 20th century, Mexicans labored in the "Valley of Heart's Delight." Through grassroots organizing and collective action, countless heroines and heroes, such as labor leader Cesar Chavez, dedicated their lives to improving conditions in their neighborhoods and communities. In 1999, the City of San José acknowledged the contributions of Mexicans with the grand opening of the Mexican Heritage Plaza.

The daughter of a farm worker, college history instructor **Nannette Regua** and college ethnic studies instructor **Arturo Villarreal**, a San José native and former field worker, honor the contributions of Mexicans in their community. Through the generosity of community members who shared their familial and personal photographs and local archival collections, the authors document the vibrant history of Mexicans in San José.

Join us for an evening of memories and pictures!

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