

## African American Experience – Oral History

We have created some questions and topics to help guide your interview. Consider asking for clarification and provide follow up questions if you would like to gather more information. Remember to take a photo of your interviewee, and make sure to take notes and ask for details about spelling names, places, and dates.

1. What is your name, and when were you born?
2. If you weren't born in Sacramento, when did you or your family arrive in Sacramento? Why did you come to Sacramento? What were your first impressions of Sacramento when you arrived?
3. Where have you lived in Sacramento? Why did you settle there?
4. What is your experience with housing in Sacramento? You can speak about communities you have lived in, how they have evolved, and how past housing policies have affected you or people you know.
5. Have you been active in the religious community in Sacramento? How do you think religious institutions have contributed to the history of Sacramento?
6. How have businesses in your community changed? Do you have any experience running a business in the city?
7. Are there any clubs or organizations that you were a part of that contributed to the Black community in Sacramento?
8. Can you define the Black community's impact on the arts and culture of Sacramento?
9. Are there any additional topics that you would like to speak about that are essential to the history of the African American experience in Sacramento?