

Anti-Asian housing discrimination in Berkeley

** excludes Japanese internment and redlining*

1939: Resident asks council to pass law barring property sales to Asiatics and colored people, like Albany is attempting

1920: Neighbors protest landlord renting to Japanese tenants at 1401 Spruce

1936: Concerned neighbors spread rumors that property at Amador & Shattuck has been sold to Japanese

1923: Neighbors allow property reclassification at Ada & McGee as long as it's never transferred to Orientals

1920: Property owners protest home sale at Camelia & Stannage to Orientals, and council encourages neighbors to "arouse public sentiment" to prevent sale

1922: Property owner is allowed to move his home to Vine & Shattuck as long as he doesn't have Japanese tenants

1920: Neighbor complains that landlord rents to Japanese tenants on Berkeley Way

1938: 94% of property owners protest planned Hindu temple at Piedmont and Dwight, even though architect assures neighbors there will be no Oriental architecture, and no Orientals will attend

1939: Despite the Realty Board's work to encourage racial covenants, residents warn that Orientals and colored people might still be able to move in between Grove & Sacramento, Dwight & University. Councilman advises residents to establish 100% covenant coverage.

1914: School board opposes admitting two Hindoo students to Berkeley High

1939: Anger at rumors of Japanese at 2510 Fulton

1919: Council blocks Japanese housing at 2539 Fulton

1907: Neighbors demand that four households of "coolies and Hindoos" be ejected from near 6th & Grayson and further west. The San Francisco Chronicle predicts a "race conflict." Police try to avert an incident, and go on to arrest 14 Indian immigrants.

1922: Council asks staff to find ways to prevent sale of 1932 Haste to Japanese

1923: Neighbors protest plans to sell 2211 Stuart to an Oriental, and council asks the Realty Board to further discourage sales

1909: Neighbors are up at arms about George Shima buying a home at College & Parker

1923: Neighbors oppose the use of a building to house Chinese American orphans, complaining that it will introduce Orientals to the neighborhood