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- AT: 45:52 Have you visited other Japanese American communities in different places?
- GY: 45:56 Oh yes, sure. Seattle, San Francisco, San Jose, Los Angeles. I love it.
- AT: 46:07 How, how would you compare that and maybe how we should call it different?
- GY: 46:14 Well, I think seeing a center, of uh businesses, is, is nice, a central area. Um, but also it's cool just to see businesses that have Japanese names on. You know, I was shocked when I go to these other parts of the country, go to Los Angeles and see all these businesses that have Japanese names and I say wow. You know, they've all kind of faded in Chicago. They've sold out. They've. But Seattle, you go there, they're still thriving, get a sense of pride.
- AT: 47:12 Did you feel that in Chicago?
- GY: 47:16 Well I think it's a different kind of a feeling growing up here, it's. You know, it's, you know pride never comes when this is your, uh, your home when this. I mean, you don't automatically are all of a sudden develop pride, but to go to another place and say, wow, this is kind of place exists. That's nice. I like it.
- AT: 47:50 How wuld you feel about having a central area in Chicago of Japanese Americans?
- GY: 48:00 Well, it would be, it will be fun. It'd be great. I would like that.
- AT: 48:08 Just a couple more questions. I guess just kind of point blank, how do you think that the history of your family, your parents,

in terms of how do you think that's impacted your life? Maybe you as a person? If at all.

GY:

48:37

Well, seeing what my family, my parents, families have gone through and how they have lived their lives. Uh, it, it really taught me the importance of family. The importance of being part of a community. Yeah, yeah I don't know if, if the families had done something different, whether having this strong big family, oh, would have occurred for me and whether I would have benefited from that. But the fact that they all, all these uncles and aunts and you know, we're here, we shared so much together. It taught me how to live. You know, I'm grateful for that. You know, I can't say that it, maybe this is being selfish, I can't say that it was a bad thing for me.

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