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Abstract: The League of Women Voters, San Jose/Santa Clara Chapter Records, 1945-2011 consist of administrative records, political studies and action materials, which include subject specific legislation, government records, voter and election data and reports, as well as convention and meeting records from other chapters and the National organization. The records in this collection date from 1945-2011, with the bulk dating from 1969-1990.

Physical location: This collection is located in Vault 1, Range 20A, Bays 20-22

General Physical Description note: 8 cartons, 1 oversized box

creator: League of Women Voters (U.S.)

Access

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Organizational History

The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara Chapter (LWVSJSC) was established in 1945 in San Jose, and became known as the League of Women Voters of Central Santa Clara Valley. The original chapter was founded in the same year of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the national organization. The chapter soon expanded beyond San Jose and became known as the League of Women Voters of Central Santa Clara Valley, which included San Jose, Santa Clara, Cupertino, and Sunnyvale. In 1973 the chapter split, which led to the formation of the LWVSJSC and the Cupertino/Sunnyvale chapter. The LWVSJSC is one of five local League Chapters in Santa Clara County, that include Curpertino/Sunnyvale, Los Altos-Mountain View, Southwest Valley, and Palo Alto. The LWVSJSC is affiliated with the LWV of Santa Clara County, the LWV of the Bay Area, the LWV of California, and the LWV of the U.S.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization devoted to voter education and advocacy, and actively encourages active participation of citizens in government. The LWV is committed to voter service/citizen education and to action and advocacy. The goal of this non-partisan organization is to empower citizens to shape strong communities worldwide. Through political study and action, the members offer solutions on key community issues and all levels of government, promote citizen participation in the democratic process, and encourage community action in promoting public policy issues through education and advocacy. As a non-partisan group, the LWV does not endorse or oppose specific political candidates or parties, but does take action on specific issues of public interest.

The LWVSJSC determines the study programs based on a consensus from the membership. Most of the issues intersect with the goals of the broader goals of the region, state, and national. The study programs from the 1960s and 1970s focused on international relations and issues related to federal governance in Congress and the Executive Branch. In the 1980s the study issues reflected the broader regional interests in transportation, regional planning, land-use, and environmental protection. They also had a keen interest in education, childcare, family planning, juvenile justice, and many other civil rights issues.

Bibliography and Cited References

League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara website. http://sjsc.ca.lwvnet.org/index.html.

League of Women Voters - National website. http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home.

Young, Louise M. 1989. *In the public interest: the League of Women Voters, 1920-1970.* New York: Greenwood Press.

Scope and Content

The League of Women Voters, San Jose/Santa Clara Chapter (LWVSJSC) records, 1945-2011 consist of administrative records, political studies and action materials, which include subject specific legislation, government records, voter and election data and reports, as well as convention and meeting records from other chapters and the National LWV. The Administrative Records include minute records, committee files, financial reports, membership records, and publicity as well as public relations files. The Political Studies and Action files cover broad subject areas such as education, employment opportunity, housing, criminal justice, environmental protection, and transportation. The scope of the collection is focused on the local chapter, but includes some materials from other chapters, together with the League of Women Voters-Bay Area and the National League.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into five series: I. Administrative Files, 1951-2002; II. Actions, Studies, & Legislation 1956-2002; III. Other League Organizations, 1946-2002; IV. Scrapbook and Ephemera, 1945-2006;Series V: Additional Materials, 1980-2011.

Related Material

Guide to the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Records at the Bancroft Library in Berkeley.
http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt6s2021tq.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

California--Politics and government.

Club--California--San Francisco Bay Area.

League of Women Voters (U.S.)

Political activists--California

Women political activists--California--Berkeley.

Women political activists--California--San Francisco Bay Area.

Women--California--San Jose--History 20th century.

Women--California--San Jose--Societies and clubs.

Series I : Administrative Files 1951-2002

Physical Description

1 Box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series documents the administrative history of the organization from 1951-2002. It includes the meeting minutes from the Board of Directors, committee files, correspondence, financial and legal records, chapter meeting minutes, membership handbooks and lists, as well as publicity and outreach records. The Board of Director and chapter minute records document the governance process of the organization and outline the structure of the committee system, as well as general correspondence and communication with the National League. The financial and legal records include treasurer reports, grant applications, and some documentation on the by-laws and the chapter division records from 1967-1972. The Publicity and Outreach files include general program and events, fund-raising correspondence and voter outreach through various media sources. The LWVSJSC chapter has worked hard to promote civic responsibility through educational programming and careful study of the actions of importance to the community, but due to the fluid nature of the organization and the lack of a permanent office, the official records have been collected and maintained by individual members. Thus, the records documenting formation of the chapter is scattered. The bulk of this series documents the history of the organization from the 1960s through 2000.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically according to subject or administrative function, and within each subject or function, materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 1

Folder 1: Board Job Descriptions 1989-1992
Folder 2: Handbook and Training Documents 1969-1990
Folder 3-11:Meetings Information-Minutes 1979-1994
Folder 12:Memoranda 1975
Folder 13: Officer Listings 1973-1995

Folder 14-15:"Program Tools" for Program Chair 1981-1992
Folder 16: Public Relations Chair 1974
Folder 17-20:Committee Files 1965-2002
Folder 21:Correspondence May 1975-June 1975
Folder 22:With the LWVUS December 1987-January 1988
Folder 23-26: Financial Information 1972-2001
Folder 31-36:Membership 1962-1999
Folder 37-40: Organizational Papers 1965-1991
Folder 41: Presidential Materials 1976-1984
Foldr 42-53:Publicity and Public Relations 1966-2000

Series II: Actions, Studies and Legislations 1956-2002

Physical Description

5 Boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of action files, political studies, legislation related to a number of ballot measures, election reform, and voter information. As a non-partisan organization, one of the primary roles of the LWV is to provide unbiased information about elections, voting process, and issues. In keeping with the long-term goals of the League, the LWVSJSC studies the political issues of concern in the community, and after reaching membership consensus, they will endorse specific positions based on the public interest. The action and studies files are arranged hierarchically by National, State, and Local. The issues studied represent the diversity of the LWV study program and illustrate the interconnections between the local, regional, state, and national organization. The National records focus on federal government reform, international relations, and national security. The state records document concerns from abortion, agriculture, childcare, education, election reform, transportation, water quality, and issues specific to state governance. The local records document many of the same topics, and like many other California Leagues, the LWVSJSC studied regional planning and initiated studies on natural resources, environmental pollution, regional planning, and transportation. This series also includes documentation on the 1988 election year, state ballot measures from 1982-1988, and legislative documents.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by organizational hierarchy and by subject, and then chronologically.

Box 2
Folder 2-32: Actions, Positions and Studies-National 1962-1999
Folder 33-48: Actions, Positions and Studies-State 1962-1999
Box 3
Folder 49-84:Actions, Positions and Studies-State 1962-1999
Box 4
Folder 85-125: Actions, Positions & Studies-Local 1960-1999
Box 5
Folder 126-157: Actions, Positions & Studies-Local 1960-1999
Folder 158-160: Election Files 1984-1988
Box 6
Folder 161-163: Legislative Interviews & Related Documents 1977-1991
Folder 164-167: Voter Information 1979-2000
Folder 168: General cica 1990s
Folder 169: Grassroots.net circa 2000s
Folder 170: ABAG Draft Resolution-Regional Assistance to Preserve Open Space 1972
Folder 171: Air Quality Report 1996
Folder 172: Natural Resources-General 1971-1980,1992
Folder 173: Oak Grove District 1981-1982
Folder 174-175: San Francisco Bay Plan & Supplement 1969
Folder 176: Solar Energy 1979-1989

Series III: Other League Organizations 1946-2002

Physical Description

1 Box

Series Scope and Content Summary

The contents in this series includes related and administrative documents collected by the LWV-SJ/SC from related and parent organizations such as the League of Women Voters – Santa Clara County, the League of Women Voters Bay Area, the League of Women Voters, California, and the League of Women Voters United States. Records include the select administrative files from the National League, including documentation on the education fund from 1971-1990, member and publication records. The bulk of this series contains select administrative files from the California League and regional chapters, which include correspondence, bylaws, organization records, action items and publicity. Also included are items from non-league organizations.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by level of league and hierarchically within each level. Materials will be arranged by type of record.

Box 6

- **Folder 1-9 : League of Women Voters--United States 1946-2002**
  - **Folder 1: Administrative Files 1946**
  - **Folder 2: Convention-Art of Negotiation undated**
  - **Folder 3-4 :Education Fund 1971-1990**
  - **Folder 5: Membership 1995-1996**
  - **Folder 6: Membership Publications 2001-2002**
  - **Folder 7-9: Publications 1971-2000**
- **Folder 10-14 :League of Women Voters-California 1972-2005**
  - **Folder 10: Meetings-Convention in San Jose 1981**
  - **Folder 11:Organizational Papers-Program & Action Information 1981-1993,2005**
  - **Folder 12: Project Collaboration circa 2000**
  - **Folder 13: Publications 1968 1980-2000**
  - **Folder14: Publications-California Government 1972 1977 1995**
- **Folder 15-19: League of Women Voters-Bay Area Bulk, 1970-2001 1970-2007**
  - **Folder 10: Correspondence 1970-1972**
  - **Folder 16: Organizational Papers 1986,2005-2007**
  - **Folder 17: Programs 1963,1970-1972**
  - **Folder 18: Publications 1973-2001**
  - **Folder 19: Reports and Memoranda 1970-1974,1986-2002**

Box 7

- **Folder 20-47: League of Women Voters-Santa Clara County 1968-2006**
  - **Folder 20: Meetings and Minutes 1983-2002**
  - **Folder 21: Memoranda 1988**
  - **Folder 22: Organizational Papers 1968-1969 1977-1987, 2003**
  - **Folder 23: 75th Birthday of LWV 1995**
  - **Folder 24: League Recognition 2002**
  - **Folder 25:-29: Forums 1995-2006**
  - **Folder 30: Educators Conference**
  - **Folder 31: Speaker's Bureau 1988**
  - **Folder 32-39: Actions, Consensus, Studies 1982-2002**
  - **Folder 40: Initiatives 1999-2005**
  - **Folder 42: Meeting the Challenge 2005**
  - **Folder 43: Commitee Papers 1990-2001**
  - **Folder 44: Correspondence and Communications 1992-2003**
  - **Folder 45: Membership Lists 1982-2004**
  - **Folder 46: Evergreen CC Student Body Election 2004**
  - **Folder 47: SCC League Agreements and Policies**

Box 8

- **Folder 47-48 : Other Leagues 1970-1990**
  - **Folder 47: Miscellaneous Documents 1989**

Folder 48: Publications 1970 1990
Folder 49: Non League Organizations 1971-1976, 1998

Series IV: Scrapbook and Ephemera 1945-2006

Physical Description

1 Box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of the chapter scrapbook, which dates from 1945-2006 and a handful of awards and certificates. The scrapbook provides a historical overview of chapter's activities and includes news clippings and some photographs.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 9

Folder 1-6: Awards and Certificates 1945-2006
Folder 1: LWV Scrapbook-San Jose/Santa Clara Chapter 1945-2006
Folder 2: Proclamation for Declaration of League of Women Voters Week February 1985
Folder 3: Certificate from the LWVC for "Outstanding Membership Growth" April 30, 1989
Folder 4: Congressional Record "Tribute to the League of Women's Voters" from Anna Eshoo March 09, 1995
Folder 5:Certificate of Commendation from LWVUS-44th National convention for Membership Growth June 2000
Folder 6: Plaque Indicating Membership in the San Jose Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce undated

Series V: Additional Materials 1980-2011

Language of Material: English

Physical Description

1 Box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of later additions to League of Women Voters, San Jose/Santa Clara Chapter Records Collection by the League of Women Voters in early November 2011. The later additions include recent administrative material including financial records, meeting minutes, program reports, and presidential materials such as letters and emails. In addition the series also includes recent digital newsletters, the latest LWVSJSC ethics study of 2003-2004, action reports and letters 1980-2005 as well as publicity materials on events recently sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by subject matter.

Box 10

Folder 1:Action Reports and Letters 1980-2005
Folder 2: Administrative Material 2010-2011
Folder 3: Digital Newsletters 2009-2011
Folder 4 : Governmental Ethics Study 2003-2004
Folder 5: Publicity Materials 2010-2011