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**Title:** NWPC-Santa Clara Chapter Records

**Identifier/Call Number:** MSS.2013.03.01

**Contributing Institution:** SJSU Special Collections & Archives

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 5.76 Linear feet,6 boxes

**Date (bulk):** Bulk, 1990-2000

**Date (inclusive):** 1973-2002

**Abstract:** This collection documents the Santa Clara County Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, 1973-2002. It consists of administrative and financial records, meeting minutes, membership directories, candidate interviews, ephemera, decorative aprons, and a banner.

**Physical Location:** Range 22B, Bay 6.

**Access**

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**Organizational/Biographical History**

The National Women's Political Caucus was founded in 1971 by a group of prominent women that included Gloria Steinem, former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, former Congresswoman Bella Abzug, Dorothy Height, and Jill Ruckelshaus as the only national organization dedicated exclusively to increasing women's participation in all areas of political and public life. Subsequently, the Santa Clara County Caucus was established in 1973, as a way to specifically help elect female politicians to local government. Through financial and moral support, the local Santa Clara County Caucus promoted and helped elect the first female major of San Jose, Janet Gray Hayes as well as Susan Hammer, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Zoe Lofgren and many more female politicians to all levels of government regardless of party affiliation. In 2002, the Santa Clara County Caucus disbanded due to inactivity.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

This collection documents the Santa Clara County Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, 1973-2002. It consists of administrative and financial records, meeting minutes, membership directories, candidate interviews, ephemera, decorative aprons, and a banner.

**Arrangement**

This collection has been arranged into six series, Series I: Administrative History, 1973-2002; Series II: Campaign Political Action Committee Materials,1976-2000; Series III: Publicity Materials,1977-2000; Series IV: Memorabilia; Series V: Other Caucus Chapters, 1976-1998.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

California -- Santa Clara Valley -- Politics and Government

National Women's Political Caucus (U.S.)

Nonprofit organization -- California -- San José.

Political activists--California

Women -- California -- San José --Societies and clubs

Women -- Political activity -- Santa Clara County

Women in politics -- California -- History

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

Women - California - Santa Clara County - History

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**NWPC-Santa Clara County Chapter Records Series I: Administrative Files and Mailing Lists, 1976-2000**

**Physical Description**

5 Boxes

**Scope and Content of Collection**

This series documents the administrative history of the National Women's Political - (NWPC) Santa Clara County Caucus from 1973-2000. It includes meeting minutes ,correspondence, financial and legal records, membership lists, directories and records, as well as organizational voting ballots and bylaws and procedures . In addition there are materials documenting the Annual NWPC Conventions in 1976, 1980, and 1990-1992 held in San Jose ad San Francisco as well as a detailed history of the National Women's Political Caucus. Also included in this series are three boxes of the organization's mailing lists in the format of 4" x6" note cards.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box 1**

**Folder 1: Administrative Organizational Materials**

**Folder 2: Agenda**

**Folder 3: NWPC Ballots**

**Folder 4:Caucus Credential Requirement Reports**

**Folder 5: Christi Welter Files**

**Folder 6-7: Convention, 1980,1990-1992**

**Folder 8-9: Correspondence,1978-2001**

**Folder 10:Corespondence: Membership**

**Folder 11: Credential Requirement Reports**

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**Folder 12: Demographic Surveys**

**Folder 13: Elections, 1993**

**Folder 14 : Executive Board Materials**

**Folder 15: Fax Reports**

**Folder 16: FPCC Forms**

**Folder 17-32: Financial Records, 1975-2002**

**Folder 33: History of the NWPC-SC**

**Folder 34: NWPC History Project**

**Folder 35: Legislative Materials**

**Folder 36: Letterhead**

**Folder 37: Mailing Lists undated**

**Folder 38-51: Meeting Minutes, 1973-1998 1973-1998**

**Folder 52-56: Membership Directories, 1973-1992 1973-1992**

**Folder 57: Membership Materials,1999 1999**

**Folder 58-59: Membership Reports and Updates**

**Folder 60-61: Membership Renewals List**

**Folder 62: Membership Policies and Procedures**

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**Folder 63: Miscellaneous Memos and Notes**

**Folder 64: Motion Forms**

**Folder 65-67: Organizational By laws and Policies**

**Folder 68: Questionnaires and Forms**

**Folder 69: School District Election Materials**

**Folder 70: Senate Bill no. 1541**

**Box 2**

**Mailing List A-G**

**Box 3**

**Mailing List H-Q**

**Box 4**

**Mailing List R-Z**

**NWPC-Santa Clara County Chapter Records Series II: Campaign Political Action Committee Materials 1976-2000**

**Physical Description**

2 boxes

**Scope and Content of Collection**

This series documents the Political Action Committees (PAC) of the organization created to find potential political candidates to endorse. Potential candidates filled out questionnaires that would help the caucus determine the candidate's stance on women's issues such as federally funded day care, abortion, and the Equal Rights Amendment. Following the questionnaire, potential candidates would then be interviewed by 4-5 caucus members to further determine how the potential candidate would help support women's issues. Candidates would then be notified via mail whether or not the NWPC would endorse them. As the organization was non-partisan, democratic and republican female candidates would be endorsed. In addition, the caucus also endorsed male political candidates, however male candidates could not receive funding per the policies of National Women's Political Caucus. Included within this series are candidate interviews and questionnaires from various male and female politicians such as Ron Didiron Jr, Miriam E. Wolff, Frank Biehl, Maureen Hansen, Pete Carrillo, Ken Yeager and many other candidates; correspondence to and from candidates; nomination recommendations and reports; candidate's publicity materials and the Political Action Committee strategies and procedures.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged alphabetically and by date.

**Box 5 1990-2000**

**Folder 1: Candidate Endorsement Ballots 1990**

**Folder 2: Candidate Endorsement Material**

**Folder 3: Candidate Endorsement Policy 1993**

**Folder 4-11: Candidate Interviews and Questionnaires 1978-1980,1990-1994**

**Box 6**

**Folder 12-14 : Candidate Interviews and Questionnaires 1996-1998**

**Folder 15-16: Candidate Nomination Reports 1994,2000**

**Folder 17: Candidate Publicity Materials**

**Folder 18-19: Correspondence**

**Folder 20: Election Feasibility and Candidate Screening Committee Materials**

**Folder 21: Endorsement Applicants 1991**

**Folder 22: Endorsement Recommendations 1993**

**Folder 23: Incomplete Candidate Questionnaires**

**Folder 24: Interview Schedules and Timelines**

**Folder 25: Political Action Committee Roster**

**Folder 26: Political Action Committee Process Materials**

**Folder 27: Strategies and Procedures**

**NWPC-Santa Clara County Chapter Records Series III: Publicity Materials 1977-2002**

**Physical Description**

1 Box

**Scope and Content of Collection**

This series consists of the organization's publicity materials including newsletters, flyers for events and activities such as the sexual harassment lecture titled "Speak Out/Teach In on Sexual Harrasment...You are not Alone", press releases, promotional materials and spaghetti dinner materials. Other printed matter from non NWPC organizations including the Community Coalition Network, an organization based in San Diego County that avocates a sectarian free society are represented.Scholars interested in feminism and women in politics will find material on the "50/50 by 2000" campaign, a bi-partisan movement started by George A. Dean and supported by organizations such as the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) and National Organization for Women (NOW) to achieve gender equality in the Federal and State Government by the year 2000. Also of interest within the collection are two DAWN Reports, a monthly newsletter produced by Democratic Activists for Women Now, and "Women in Action Lobby Day", a event designed to educate state policymakers on issues relating to sexual harassment and reproductive freedom.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject matter.

**Box 7**

**Folder 1: 50/50 by 2000 Campaign**

**Folder 2: "Career Closet"**

**Folder 3 :Coalition of Labor Union Women News 1997**

**Folder 4: Community Coalition Network Materials**

**Folder 5: The DAWN Report 1993,1998**

**Folder 6: Events and Activities Publicity materials 1991-1997**

**Folder 7: Hal Plotkin Articles 1980-1986**

**Folder 8: Hal Plotkin Letters**

**Folder 9: Metro Magazine 1990-1993**

**Folder 10: Miscellaneous articles related to women's issues**

**Folder 11-21: Newsletters 1974-2000**

**Folder 22: Photos**

**Folder 23: Printed Matter**

**Folder 24: Pro Choice Materials**

**Folder 25: Press Release**

**Folder 26: Promotional Materials**

**Folder 27: Retirement Speech**

**Folder 28: "Speak Out/Teach In on Sexual Harrasment...You are not Alone" and other related materials 1992**

**Folder 29:NWPC Silent Auction**

**Folder 30: Spaghetti Dnner Materials 1992-1998**

**Folder 31: Women in Action~Lobby Day 1992**

**Folder 32: Women's Political Times 1993-2000**

**NWPC-Santa Clara County Chapter Records Series IV: Memorabilia, undated**

**Physical Description**

2 boxes

**Scope and Content of Collection**

This series consists of a collection kitchen aprons that were autographed by local politicians and a large fabric banner that reads "National Women's Poltical Caucus". In addition there is a scrapbook that features newspaper clippings and photos.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged by format.

**Box 8**

**Folder 1: Spaghetti Dinner Aprons**



**Folder 2: Scrapbook**

**Box 9**

**Folder 1: NWPC Banner**

**NWPC-Santa Clara County Chapter Records Series V: Other Caucus Chapters 1976-2002**

**Physical Description**

1 box

**Scope and Content of Collection**

This series consists of a variety of documents including newsletters, financial records, correspondence, meeting minutes and membership rosters primarily from the NWPC-California Chapter. In addition, there are limited materials from other NWPC caucuses including Kern County, Orange County, and Santa Barbara.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged alphabetically.

**Box 10**

**Folder 1: Affirmative Action Program and Reports 1978-1979,1990-1991**

**Folder 2: AFL-CIO Questionnaires 1993**

**Folder 3: California Quarterly 1997-2000**

**Folder 4: Correspondence 1976-1997**

**Folder 5: Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee List 1993**

**Folder 6 : Endorsement Policies and Procedures**

**Folder 7: Financial Records 1988-1991**

**Folder 8: Gazette, A Journal of Membership News, Dues, and Views 2001**

**Folder 9: Incomplete Candidate Questionnaires**

**Folder 10: Meeting Minutes 1980, 1990-1991**

**Folder 11: Membership Reports 1997-1998**

**Folder 12: Membership Roster 1992-1994**

**Folder 13: Organizational By Laws and Procedures 1990-1992**

**Folder 14: NWPC-CA Organizational Material 1976**

**Folder 15: NWPC-Orange County Organizational Material 1974-1975**

**Folder 16: Reports 1992**

**Folder 17: State Steering Committee 1975-1976,1980**