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Title: Janet Gray Hayes Papers Addition

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Physical Description: 2.2 Linear Feet4 boxes

Date (inclusive): 1950- 2014

Date (bulk): 1971-1987

Abstract: The Janet Gray Hayes Papers Addition documents her tenure as a city council member, vice mayor and mayor, from the 1960s to 2014. This collection consists of newspaper clippings, campaign materials, photographs and other memorabilia. Additionally, some material dates before her election to public office and continues through the end of her life.

Physical Location: Vault 1, Range 21B, Bay 10

Biographical / Historical

In 1974 Janet Gray Hayes became mayor of San Jose, California and the first female elected to the office of mayor of a large American city. She was overwhelmingly reelected to a second term, and served as mayor until 1982. Prior to her groundbreaking election in 1974, she won a seat on the San Jose City Council and also served as vice mayor. This collection documents her political trajectory from 1974-1982. During her tenure as mayor she focused on urban development issues and smart growth planning, and was very responsive to increased citizen access to the mayor's office. Gray Hayes became an important role model for women in politics, her success in government represented a watershed for politically minded women in the region, and the Santa Clara Valley became known as the "Feminist Capital of the World." This collection consists of administrative files, election materials, personal files, and public relations materials.

Scope and Contents

The Janet Gray Hayes Papers Addition documents the significance of Janet Gray Hayes in local, state and national politics. She was the first woman elected to the office of mayor of a large American city. Gray Hayes was pivotal in popularizing the Santa Clara Valley's reputation as the "Feminist Capital of the World" which drew international attention to San Jose. With her connections to feminist groups such as the League of Women Voters, the National Organization for Women and National Women's Political Caucus, Gray Hayes kept women's issues at the forefront of her politics and motivated other women to get involved. Even though she faced criticism and many news outlets referred to her simply as an "argumentative housewife" during her campaigns, she continued in her commitment to improve citizen access to the mayor's office, reducing crime, and promoting controlled urban growth in San Jose. She also aided in the appointment of women administrators in city government and also helped women campaign for other political offices. Janet Gray Hayes retired from political life in 1982 after two successful terms serving as the mayor of San Jose.

The Janet Gray Hayes Papers Addition is organized into six series: Series I: Administrative Files, Series II: Campaign & Election Materials, Series III: Public Relations Files, Series IV: Press Clippings, Series V: Memorabilia (three-dimensional) and Series VI: Personal Materials.

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Processing Information

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Arrangement

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

California -- Politics and government
Mayors -- California -- San Jose
San Jose (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century
Women in politics -- California -- History
Janet Gray Hayes

Series I: Administrative Files 1963-1983 1971-1977

Physical Description: 1 Box

Scope and Contents

Series I documents the mayoral administration of Janet Gray Hayes in San Jose, California from 1976- 1982. Represented are standard administrative records that include project files, correspondence, events and programs, financial statements,, memoranda, awards and speeches, and travel documentation. The correspondence records include letters from President Jimmy Carter, President Ronald Reagan, and Queen Elizabeth of England. The collection also includes her travel itinerary to China, photographs and memoranda from her trip, as well as campaign material.

This series is arranged alphabetically by format, and then chronologically within each folder.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

1 box.

Administrative, Guadalupe Project 1971

Architectural Drawings 1981

Awards and Recognition 1976 [?]

Charts 1980

China Travel 1976-1978

Correspondence (Incoming) 1976-1983

Correspondence (Outgoing) 1963- 1982

Events and programs 1975- 1976

Financial statements and contributions 1974- 1981

Measure M advertisement undated

Memoranda 1975-1980

Miscellaneous 1981-1982

Notes and awards dinner speech 1983

Schedule Cards 1975-1982

State of the city speeches 1977, 1982

Travel Items 1976-1982

Series II: Campaign & Election Materials 1971-1978 bulk

Physical Description: 2 Box

Scope and Contents

Series II documents multiple campaigns of Janet Gray Hayes, for city council Seat 3, mayor, and re-election as mayor. Included in this collection are flyers, campaign mailings and information about her campaigns This series has endorsements for campaigns from local community leaders, canvassing materials from her campaigns and photographs of Gray Hayes on the campaign trail.

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Bart Collins campaign and election materials 1974

Campaign and election materials 1972-1973

Campaign materials for City Council election 1971

Endorsements 1974

Mayoral election materials (Folder 1 of 3) 1974

Mayoral election materials (Folder 2 of 3) 1974

Mayoral election materials (Folder 3 of 3) 1974

Mayoral re-election materials 1976-1978

Series III: Public Relations Files 1971-1983 1971-1983

Physical Description: 1 Box

Scope and Contents

Series III is comprised of publicity materials that include photographs, speeches, press releases, and audio materials. Most of the files consist of publicity correspondence in which Gray Hayes communicated her ideas and policy recommendations with the press. Also of note are photographs of Gray Hayes meeting with her constituents and speaking to the public. The files are arranged alphabetically by format, and then chronologically within each folder.

This series is arranged alphabetically by format, and chronologically within each folder.

News publications 1973- 1980

Photographs 1974-1976

Publicity photographs (Folder 1 of 2) undated

Publicity photographs (Folder 2 of 2) undated

Speeches 1974-1983

Series IV: Press Clippings 1969-2014 1974-1976

Physical Description: 3 Box

Scope and Contents

Series IV has newspaper clippings about Janet Gray Hayes from her first campaign for city council in 1974 through the years to information about her death in 2014. Many of the articles highlight her commitment to making San Jose better not bigger and also enforcing the idea of Santa Clara Valley as the "Feminist Capital of the World". Also included in this series is a copy of Time Magazine's January 1976 issue entitled Women of the Year which featured Gray Hayes. Of note are also different news stories of the times such as the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle which featured President Richard Nixon's resignation in 1974 and Ronald Reagan's assassination attempt in 1981 which caused the press to speculate if Gray Hayes should escalate her service detail.

The files are arranged alphabetically by format, and then chronologically within each folder.

Journal of Housing 1969

Newspaper Clippings 1971-1972

Newspaper Clippings 1973

Newspaper Clippings January- June 1974

Newspaper Clippings July- October 1974

Newspaper Clippings November- December 1974

Newspaper Clippings (Bart Collins, Folder 1 of 2) 1974

Newspaper Clippings (Bart Collins, Folder 2 of 2) 1974

Newspaper Clippings 1975

Newspaper Clippings 1976

Newspaper Clippings 1977

Newspaper Clippings 1978

Newspaper Clippings 1979

Newspaper Clippings 1980

Newspaper Clippings 1981

Newspaper Clippings 1982

Newspaper Clippings 1987

Newspaper Clippings 1994- 2012

Series V: Memorabilia (three-dimensional) 1978-2012 undated

Physical Description: 4 Box

Scope and Contents

Series V contains three dimensional memorabilia of Janet Gray Hayes. Most of the memorabilia is from her campaigns for public office and awards she received while in office.

The files are arranged alphabetically by format.

Button - Mayor Janet Gray Hayes undated

Appreciation bell April 1978

City of San Jose Proclamation March 2012

Forget Me Not campaign seeds undated

Commendation for Kenneth Hayes 1982

Congressional Record December 1982

Frisbee- Office of Mayor Janet Gray Hayes undated

Gavel undated

Key to the city of San Jose undated

Mug- Office of Mayor Janet Gray Hayes undated

Mug- Indiana University undated

Name plaques undated

Series VI: Personal Materials 1950-2014 1976-1982

Physical Description: 2 Box

Scope and Contents

Series VI includes personal materials which belonged to Janet Gray Hayes. Included in this collection is a copy of her marriage certificate to Kenneth Hayes, various articles friends gave her and pictures from her college reunion. Also included is a photo album of pictures from her first trip to China as mayor with her family. There are also condolence letters sent to her children following her death in April 2014. Of note are letters from Senator Barbara Boxer from California, California State Senator Jim Beall and Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren. Along with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and Congressman Mike Honda, Lofgren paid tribute to Janet Gray Hayes in the Congressional Record on June 5, 2014.

The files are arranged alphabetically by format, and then chronologically within each folder.

Clippings undated

Commendation for Kenneth Hayes 1982

Framed portrait of Janet Gray Hayes undated

Indiana University reunion photo 1998

Marriage certificate and anniversary letter 1950, 2010

Condolence letters and Congressional Record 2014

Memorial service program 2014

Photo album undated

Resolution of Senate Rules Committee 1976

Resume undated