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## Finding aid of the Registrar of Voters Records

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Registrar of Voters records

**Dates:** 1916-2010

**Collection number:** 2006-017, 2010-010

**Creator:** Registrar of Voters

**Collection Size:** 195 archival boxes

**Repository:** Santa Clara County Archives.

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**Abstract:** The Registrar of Voters Records includes documents pertaining to state and national, municipal and county, and school district elections from 1916 to 2010. The collection also includes complete statements of votes, administrative records and California state laws and codes pertaining to voting.

**Physical location:** For current information on the location of these materials, please consult Archives staff.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

### Access

Collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

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### Preferred Citation

Registrar of Voters records, 2006-017 and 2010-010, Santa Clara County Archives.

### Acquisition Information

The records were transferred to the Archives by the Registrar of Voters in 2006 and 2010.

### Processing Information

This collection was processed by Trista Raezer working under NHPRC grant RA-10047-07, the Santa Clara County Archives Project. A fuller account of the grant project is available at the Archives website.

### Administrative History

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is a government agency whose main purpose is to ensure that federal, state, and local elections are conducted in a timely and organized manner. The highest levels of professionalism, accountability, and integrity are maintained to ensure public confidence in the electoral process. The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is responsible for providing voting materials to all eligible individuals in the following languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog.

### Scope and Content of Collection

The collection encompasses records of state and national, municipal and county, and school district elections in Santa Clara County from 1916 to 2010. It also includes administrative records of the Registrar of Voters and California State laws and codes.

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For additional information on the scope and content of the collection, see the descriptions for the major subdivisions.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in six series: state and national elections, municipal and county elections, school district elections, administrative records, California state laws and codes, and statements of all votes cast. Each series follows a chronological order.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Elections--California--Handbooks, manuals, etc.

Elections, Nonpartisan

Local Elections

Municipal Elections

Santa Clara County (Calif.)

Santa Clara County (Calif.) History

School Elections California

Voting Registrars

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Boxes: 1-141

Series: I **State and National Elections, 1916-2010**

**Physical Description:** 141 boxes

**Series Scope and Content**

This series contains documents relating to state and national elections held in Santa Clara County. The files from the 1930s and 1940s are the most complete, incorporating sample ballots, original drafts of newspaper notices accompanied by the newspaper clippings, order and proofs for the printing of ballots, lists of voting precincts, polling places, and elections officers, correspondence and receipts from supply vendors and printers, correspondence with the Office of the California Secretary of State, statements of registration certifying the number of voters by party who are registered in the county, absentee voter tallies, and certified lists of candidates for office. After the 1940s, the materials become less complete, consisting mostly of election materials distributed to voters. These include notices of elections, polling place notices and sample ballots, full texts of proposed ballot measures, arguments for and against ballot measures, and candidates' statements of qualifications. When local elections were consolidated with state and national elections, documents for the local election are included with records of the state and national election. Not every election year is represented in the series.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically.

Box: 1

**Primary and General Elections, 1916-1938**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Boxes: 2-3

**State Pamphlets, 1932-1979**

**Physical Description:** 2 boxes

Boxes: 4-6

**Primary, General and Consolidated Elections, 1938-1968**

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes

Box: 7

**Primary and General Elections, 1970**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 8

**Primary, General and Conslidated Elections, 1972-1974**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

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Boxes: 9-11	<b>Primary, General and Special Elections, 1974-1979</b> Physical Description: 3 boxes
Box: 12	<b>State Pamphlets, 1980-1994</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Box: 13	<b>Consolidated Primary Election, 1980</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Box: 14	<b>Primary, General and Special Elections, 1980-1982</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Box: 15	<b>Primary Election, 1982</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Box: 16	<b>Election History, 1982</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Box: 17	<b>Primary and General Election, 1984</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Boxes: 18-19	<b>Primary Election, 1984</b> Physical Description: 2 boxes
Box: 20	<b>Primary and General Elections, 1984-1986</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Box: 21	<b>State Pamphlets, June 3, 1986</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Box: 22	<b>Primary and General Elections, 1986</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Box: 23	<b>Primary, General and Consolidated Elections, 1986-1988</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Boxes: 24-25	<b>Primary and General Elections, 1988-1990</b> Physical Description: 2 boxes
Box: 26	<b>Primary Elections, 1990</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Boxes: 27-31	<b>Primary and General Elections, 1990-1994</b> Physical Description: 5 boxes
Boxes: 32-37	<b>Primary Election, June 7, 1994</b> Physical Description: 7 boxes
Box: 38	<b>General Election, 1994</b> Physical Description: 1 box
Boxes: 39-43	<b>Primary Election, March 26, 1996</b> Physical Description: 5 boxes

Boxes: 44-48	<b>General Election, November 5, 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 5 boxes
Boxes: 49-51	<b>State Pamphlets, 1996-2002</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 boxes
Box: 52	<b>Primary Election, June 2, 1998</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box
Box: 53	<b>Gubernatorial Primary Election, June 2, 1998</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box
Boxes: 54-56	<b>General Election, November 3, 1998</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 boxes
Boxes: 57-59	<b>Primary Election, March 7, 2000</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 boxes
Boxes: 60-63	<b>General Election, November 7, 2000</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 4 boxes
Box: 64	<b>Consolidated Election, November 6, 2001</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box
Boxes: 65-82	<b>Primary Election, March 5, 2002</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 18 boxes
Boxes: 83-88	<b>General Election, November 5, 2002</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 5 boxes
Boxes: 86-106	<b>Primary Election, March 2, 2004</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 21 boxes
Boxes: 107-114	<b>General Election, November 2, 2004</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 8 boxes
Boxes: 115-127	<b>Primary Election, June 6, 2006</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 13 boxes
Boxes: 128-130	<b>Primary and General Election, February 5, 2008, June 3, 2008, and November 4, 2008</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 boxes
Boxes: 130-141	<b>Primary and General Election, June 8, 2010 and November 2, 2010</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 15 boxes

Boxes: 1-14

**Series: II County and Municipal Elections, 1950-2009**

**Physical Description:** 14 boxes

**Series Scope and Content**

This series contains materials distributed to voters for county and municipal elections. The file for each election contains at least one of the following: sample ballots, election notice and polling-place notice, arguments for and against ballot measures, full text of ballot measures, and candidates' statements of qualifications. Not every election year is represented.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically.

Box: 1

**Special, District, County, and Municipal Elections, 1924-1969**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 2

**Water Conservation District, 1925-1957**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 3

**Miscellaneous, 1939-1977**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Boxes: 4-5

**Election Records, 1968-1980**

**Physical Description:** 2 boxes

Box: 6

**Special, Municipal and District Elections, 1970-1978**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 7

**County and Local Elections, 1972**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 8

**Election Records, 1975-1978**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 9

**Municipal and Consolidated Elections, 1978-1991**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 10

**County and Local Elections, 1990**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 11

**Consolidated Election, November 5, 1991**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 12

**Spanish Information, November 1992**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 13

**Municipal and Consolidated Elections, 1992**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Box: 14

**Municipal and Consolidated Elections, 2007 and 2009**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Boxes: 1/5	<p>Series: III <b>School District Elections, 1924-1991</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 5 boxes</p> <p><b>Series Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This series contains materials distributed to voters in school district elections, including governing board elections, bond elections, tax increase elections, annexation elections, and unification elections. The file for each election contains at least one of the following: election notice and sample ballots, arguments for and against measures, and candidates' statements of qualification.</p> <p><b>Arrangement</b></p> <p>This series is arranged chronologically.</p>
Boxes: 1-5	<p><b>School District Elections, 1924-1999</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 5 boxes</p>
Boxes: 1-6	<p>Series: IV <b>Administrative Records, 1943-1991</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 6 boxes</p> <p><b>Series Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This series contains materials used internally by the Registrar of Voters Office. These materials document the daily functions of the office, and include budgets, reports, and purchasing records.</p> <p><b>Arrangement</b></p> <p>This series is arranged chronologically.</p>
Box: 1	<p><b>Budgets, 1943-1976</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>
Box: 2	<p><b>Legal Purchasing and County Charter 1948-1973</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>
Box: 3	<p><b>System Reports, 1960s-1980s</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>
Box: 4	<p><b>Reports, 1960s</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>
Box: 5	<p><b>Reports of Registration, 1962-1986</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>
Boxes: 6-7	<p><b>Miscellaneous Files, 1967-1991</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 2 boxes</p>
Box: 8	<p><b>Election Records, Manuals, Code Books, 1980-1998</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>
Box: 9	<p><b>Records, 1989-1992</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>
Box: 10	<p><b>Election Manual, Code Books, Election Records, 1990-1999</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>
Box: 11	<p><b>News, BOS Transmittal and Legislature, 1991-1994</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box</p>

Box: 12	<b>Administrative Records, 1991-1995</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box
Boxes: 1-7	Series: V <b>California State Laws and Codes,</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 7 boxes <b>Series Scope and Content</b> This series contains volumes of California state election laws and codes <b>Arrangement</b> This series is arranged chronologically.
Boxes: 1-7	<b>Annotated California Codes,</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 7 boxes
Box: 8	<b>California Election Laws,</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box
Box: 9	<b>Election California Codes,</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 box
Boxes: 1-13	Series: VI <b>Statements of all Votes Cast</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 13 boxes <b>Series Scope and Content</b> This series contains the statements of the votes cast. <b>Arrangement</b> This series is arranged chronologically.
Boxes: 1-13	<b>Statements of All Votes Cast</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 13 boxes