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
The Archives can claim physical ownership only for some collections. Users are responsible for securing permission of the copyright holder for publication or quotation.
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.
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

**Boxes: 1-141**

**Series: 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 Consolidated Elections, 1972-1974**

**Physical Description:** 1 box
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Series Scope and Content

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.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

Boxes: 1-5

School District Elections, 1924-1999

Physical Description: 5 boxes


Physical Description: 6 boxes

Series Scope and Content

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.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

Box: 1

Budgets, 1943-1976

Physical Description: 1 box

Box: 2

Legal Purchasing and County Charter 1948-1973

Physical Description: 1 box

Box: 3

System Reports, 1960s-1980s

Physical Description: 1 box

Box: 4

Reports, 1960s

Physical Description: 1 box

Box: 5

Reports of Registration, 1962-1986

Physical Description: 1 box

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Miscellaneous Files, 1967-1991

Physical Description: 2 boxes

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Box: 12  **Administrative Records, 1991-1995**
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Boxes: 1-7  **California State Laws and Codes,**
Physical Description: 7 boxes
Series Scope and Content
This series contains volumes of California state election laws and codes
Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically.

Boxes: 1-7  **Annotated California Codes,***
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Box: 8  **California Election Laws,**
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Boxes: 1-13  **Statements of all Votes Cast**
Physical Description: 13 boxes
Series Scope and Content
This series contains the statements of the votes cast.
Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically.

Boxes: 1-13  **Statements of All Votes Cast**
Physical Description: 13 boxes