
Finding of the James K. Hahn Papers 0005

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Language of Material: English

Contributing Institution: Pepperdine University. Special Collections and University Archives.

Title: James K. Hahn Papers

Identifier/Call Number: 0005

Physical Description: 80 Linear Feet(72 boxes, 9 oversize boxes, 4 oversize pictures)

Date (inclusive): 1905-2006

Date (bulk): 1990-2006

Abstract: James Kenneth Hahn has served in numerous public office positions including Deputy City Attorney (1975-1979), City Controller (1981-1985), City Attorney (1985-2001), and Mayor of Los Angeles (2001-2005). The collection includes press clippings, press releases, Hahn's mayoral files, budget books, business plans, audio and video recordings, awards and plaques, as well as personal memorabilia. The bulk of the materials date from 1990 to 2006.

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Language of Material: Materials are in English.

Conditions Governing Access note

COLLECTION STORED OFF-SITE: Advance notice required for access.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical note

James Kenneth Hahn was born on July 3, 1950, in Los Angeles, California. Hahn comes from a family of public servants. His father, Kenneth Hahn, served as the Los Angeles City Councilman and as Los Angeles County Supervisor for 40 years. His uncle, Gordon Hahn, was a state assemblyman and a Los Angeles City Councilman. His cousin, Dale Hahn, serves as Superior Court judge in San Mateo County and his sister, Janice Hahn, is the Congressional Representative for California's 36th District.

Hahn grew up in the Morningside Park district of Inglewood near South Los Angeles. He attended Pepperdine University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in English and a minor in Journalism in 1972. He continued his education at Pepperdine School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree in 1975.

After law school, Hahn worked in the Office of the City Attorney as a Prosecutor and Deputy City Attorney until 1979. At this point, he turned to private practice with a colleague, Robert Horner, until 1981. In 1981, Hahn was elected City Controller of Los Angeles and held the post until 1985. Hahn went on to serve as the Los Angeles City Attorney until 2001. He used his time in office to create the Tobacco Enforcement Project, Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program, and Kid Watch LA. He focused on gang activity, domestic violence laws, and the tobacco and gun industries.

On June 5, 2001, Hahn narrowly defeated former California Speaker of the Assembly Antonio Villaraigosa in a run-off election to succeed Mayor Richard Riordan. Hahn assumed office on July 2, 2001, as 40th Mayor of the City of Los Angeles. During his time as Mayor, he focused on homeland security, public safety, housing and economic development, education, youth and families, energy and the environment, transportation, and city services. He remained in office until 2005, when he lost to Villaraigosa.

After leaving office, Hahn accepted the position of a managing director and partner at the firm Chadwick Saylor & Company. On November 5, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Hahn to fill a vacant judgeship in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Presently, he presides over Small Claims cases in Santa Monica.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains materials that span Hahn's sixteen years as the Los Angeles City Attorney to his four years as Los Angeles Mayor. Included are press clippings, Hahn's mayoral files, press releases, budget books, business plans, audio and video recordings, awards and plaques, and personal memorabilia.

Arrangement note

The collection is arranged in the following series: 1. Press Clippings 2. City Attorney Press Clippings 3. City Attorney Items 4. Mayor's Chronological Files 5. Media Advisories and Misc. Folder 6. Press Releases 7. Miscellaneous Papers for Jim Hahn 8. Budget Books 9. Final Reports with Media Presentations 10. VHS Tapes 11. Audio Tapes 12. CD Digital Photos 13. Awards and Plaques 14. Miscellaneous City Attorney Office/ Mayor Office Files 15. Oversize Items.

Processing note

The collection was originally processed by Morgan Honeycutt in 2008. In 2012, Katie Richardson updated some of the information and encoded the finding aid.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Correspondence
Political campaigns -- California -- History -- 20th century
Legislation -- California
Elections -- California -- Los Angeles
Urban policy -- California -- Los Angeles -- History -- 20th century
City planning -- California -- Los Angeles -- History -- 20th century
Speeches, addresses, etc., American -- 20th century
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Politics and government -- 20th century
Clippings
Reports
Press releases
Memorandums
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History
Plaques
Publications
Financial records
Audiocassettes
Videocassettes
Hahn, James K. -- Archives
Los Angeles (Calif.). Office of the Mayor
Los Angeles (Calif.). City Attorney's Office
Los Angeles (Calif.). Office of Controller

box 1-10	Series 1: Press Clippings 2003-2005 Scope and Contents note Includes newspaper clippings and web print outs.
box 11-12	Series 2: City Attorney Press Clipping/Press Releases 1995-2001
box 11	Press Releases 1997-2000
box 11	Task Force Disposition Sheets 1997-2000
box 11	Non-Task Force Disposition Sheets 1998-2000
box 11	Task Force Statistics 1997-2000
box 11	Non-Task Force Cases 1997-2001
box 11	Organization Chart, Office of the City Attorney 2000
box 11	Proposed Budgets 1995-1996
box 11-12	Allen Press Clippings 1996-1998
box 11	News Coverage of Gun Litigation 1999
box 11	L.A. Focus Volume 5, Issue 4 2000
box 13	Series 3: City Attorney Items 1990-2001
box 13	Response to Valley Secession Proposal 2001 June 8
box 14a-19	Series 4: Mayor's Chronological Files 2001-2005 Scope and Contents note Includes personal papers, files, memos, etc.

box 20	Series 5: Media Advisories and Misc. Folder 2001-2004
box 20	Advisories 2004
box 20	Immediate Release Memos 2003
box 20	Allesandro Elementary School - Red Car Art Project 2001 October 22
box 20	Media Advisories 2001-2003
box 21	Series 6: Press Releases 2001-2004 Scope and Contents note Includes statements from Mayor James Hahn.
box 22	Series 7: Miscellaneous Papers For James Hahn 1999-2005
box 23-24	Series 8: Budget Books 2002-2006 Supplemental Schedules - Supplement to the 2002-2003 Proposed Budget Explanation of Recommended Changes in Personnel - Supplement to the 2002-2003 Proposed Budget Detail of Positions and Salaries - Supplement to the 2002-2003 Proposed Budget City of Los Angeles - Budget Summary 2002-2003 Budget for the Fiscal Year 2002- 2003 Detail of Department Programs with Financial Summaries - Supplement to the 2002-2003 Proposed Budget Detail of Department Programs with Financial Summaries - Supplement to the 2003-2004 Proposed Budget Supplemental Schedules - Supplement to the 2003-2004 Proposed Budget Revenue Outlook - Supplement to the 2003-2004 Proposed Budget Detail of Positions and Salaries and Explanation of Recommended Changes in Personnel - Supplement to the 2003-2004 Proposed Budget Detail of Department Programs - Supplement to the 2003-2904 Proposed Budget 2003-2004 Proposed Budget - Supporting Information for the Budget and Finance Committee City of Los Angeles Budget Summary 2003-2004 Budget for the Fiscal Year 2002 -2003 Supplemental Schedules - Supplement to the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget Detail of Department Programs - Supplement to the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget Neighborhood Council Budget Summary - Supplement to the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget Detail of Department Programs with Financial Summaries - Supplement to the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget Revenue Outlook - Supplement to the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget Budget for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Detail of Positions and Salaries and Explanation of Recommended Changes in Personnel - Supplement to the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget City of Los Angeles Budget Summary 2005-2006 Neighborhood Council Budget Summary - Supplement to the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget 2005-2006 Proposed Budget - Supporting Information for the Budget and Finance Committee Detail of Department Programs - Supplement to the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget Revenue Outlook - Supplement to the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget Supplemental Schedules - Supplement to the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget Detail of Positions and Salaries and Explanation of Recommended Changes in Personnel - Supplement to the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget Budget for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006
box 25	Series 9: Final Reports with Media Presentations 1905-2005 2001-2005

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| box 26-44 | Series 10: VHS Tapes 1999-2004
Physical Description: (616 videos)
Arrangement
The VHS tapes are organized by date. |
| box 45-48, 50 | Series 11: Audiocassettes 2002-2005
Physical Description: (488 audiocassettes) |
| box 48-49 | Series 12: CD Digital Photos 2001-2004
Scope and Content
Photographs of James Hahn and Hahn with other prominent politicians. |
| box 50-68, 73-80 | Series 13: Awards and Plaques |
| box 69-72, 80-81 | Series 14: Miscellaneous- City Attorney's Office / Mayor's Office

Series 15: Oversize Items
Scope and Content
Includes two pictures, a plaque from the fire chief, and a congratulations poster. |