Guide to the Senator Ed Davis Collection

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Abstract: Ed Davis was appointed Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department in 1969. He was elected State Senator in 1980 for California's 19th District, and re-elected again in 1984. This small collection of primarily published material contains correspondence, mailings, newspaper clippings, newsletters, pamphlets, reports, studies, and related documents covering special topics. Of particular significance are the state reports on hazardous waste, and toxic substances and legislative proposals from Senator Davis's office.

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Biographical Information:
Ed Davis was appointed Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department in 1969. During his eight years as Chief of Police, he created the now-famous Neighborhood Watch program, was elected President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and served for two years as Chairman of the Police Task Force of the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals.

Davis was elected State Senator in 1980 for the 19th District, and re-elected in 1984. In December of 1984, Senator Davis helped form a coalition of concerned political and citizens groups, Californians to Defeat Rose Bird, which actively sought a change in what they saw as a too-lenient State criminal justice system. In 1985, Davis was instrumental in the formation of the California Commission on Crime and Punishment, which studied the criminal justice system from the perspective of law enforcement and victims' rights. Commission hearings resulted in the passage of several bills demanding harsher punishment for criminals.

The senator had campaigned vigorously for environmental issues during his second term in office, specifically in the area of toxic waste. He won numerous awards and honors for his commitment to the community, which include: B'nai B'rith's Man of the Year (1974); Outstanding American, Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation and the Flame of Truth Award, Fund for Higher Education. A native of California, Senator Davis resided in Valencia with his wife, Bobbie. Senator Davis died from pneumonia, on April 22, 2006, aged 89.

Scope and Contents
The Senator Ed Davis Collection primarily consists of published material including correspondence, mailings, newspaper clippings, newsletters, pamphlets, reports, studies, and related documents covering special topics. Of particular significance are the state reports on hazardous waste and toxic substances, and legislative proposals from Senator Davis's office. The files are arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

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