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Descriptive Summary

Title: Tony Cardenas Papers
Dates: 1997-2002
Collection number: LP460
Creator: Tony Cardenas, California Legislator
Collection Size: 7 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
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Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.

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Acquisition and Custodial History
California State Archives acquired the Tony Cardenas papers following the end of his third term in the State Assembly (Accession number: 2002-286).

Biography
Tony Cardenas, Democrat, served in the California State Assembly from 1997 to 2002. He was elected to the California State Assembly in 1997 and became the first Latino state legislator from the San Fernando Valley.
During his Assembly term he represented the 39th Assembly District, encompassed most of the San Fernando Valley and the Los Angeles cities of Panorama City, Pacoima, Sepulveda, and Sylmar. After his term ended, Cardenas served as a City Councilmember for Los Angeles' Second District from 2003 to 2013, before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in January 2013.
Cardenas was born on March 31, 1963, in Pacoima, California. The youngest of 11 children of a migrant farm worker, Cardenas graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. After college, Cardenas worked as an engineering specialist for Hewlett-Packard and later as a real estate agent. Before he was elected to the California State Assembly, Cardenas was active in the City of Los Angeles Business Advisory Committee, the San Fernando Association of Realtors, and the Coalition against the Keystone XL Pipeline. At the local level, he served as president and partner of Our Community Real Estate Company in Pacoima, and as commissioner for the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument. Cardenas and his wife, Norma, have three children.

As a state legislator, Cardenas' legislative interests were varied and included juvenile justice, education reform, postsecondary education and healthcare. He also authored numerous bills related to public safety, business growth, property laws, and Native American issues.

During his term in the California Legislature, Cardenas served on the following committees according to the *California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks), Assembly Final History, and Pocket Directory of the California Legislature*:

**Standing Committees**
- Appropriations, 1997-1998
- Banking and Finance, 1999-2000
- Budget, 1997-2002
- *Chair, 1999-2000
- Business and Professions, 2001-2002
- Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments, 1999-2002
- Governmental Organization, 1997-2002
- Natural Resources, 1997-1998
- Transportation, 1997-1998
- Utilities and Commerce, 1997-2002

**Subcommittees**
- Information Technology/Transportation (Budget, No. 5), 1997-1998, 2001-2002
  *Chair, 1997-1998, 2001-2002
- Resources (Budget, No. 3), 1999-2000

**Select Committees**
- Aerospace, 1997-1998
- California Indian Nations, 2001-2002
  *Chair, 2001-2002
- Indian Gaming, 1997-2000
  *Chair, 1997-2000
- Juvenile Justice, 2001-2002
  *Chair, 2001-2002

**Joint Committees**
- Legislative Budget, 1997-2000

**Scope and Content**


**Accruals**
No further accruals are expected.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Cardenas, Tony
Public safety
Education
Child welfare--California
Juvenile corrections--California

LP460:1-96  Series 1 Bill Files 1997-2002

Physical Description: 96 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note
Bill files were created by Tony Cardenas while he served as an Assembly Member from 1997 to 2002. The files may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author’s statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements that pertain to numerous issues of concern to Cardenas.


1999-2000: AB77-AB2885, ACR145 (53ff) LP460:35-87
2001-2002: AB6-AB2423 (9ff) LP460:88-96

LP460:97-119  Series 2 Juvenile Justice Files 1999-2002

Physical Description: 23 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Scope and Content Note
Juvenile Justice files include press and news clippings, correspondence, support letters, bill analyses, local government reports and/or interest group memoranda regarding the implementation of AB1913 (1999-2000), also known as the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act of 2000. Topics within this series include program funding, state-wide implementation of AB1913, gender specific programs, Juvenile Justice council meetings, crime statistics, and multi-agency enforcement plans.

See Appendix A in Additional Series Information for a complete list of folder titles.

Additional Series Information
Appendix A: Juvenile Justice Files