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Abstract: The Janet Gray Hayes Papers Addition documents her tenure as a city council member, vice mayor and mayor, from the 1960s to 2014. This collection consists of newspaper clippings, campaign materials, photographs and other memorabilia. Additionally, some material dates before her election to public office and continues through the end of her life.

Biographical / Historical

In 1974 Janet Gray Hayes became mayor of San Jose, California and the first female elected to the office of mayor of a large American city. She was overwhelmingly reelected to a second term, and served as mayor until 1982. Prior to her groundbreaking election in 1974, she won a seat on the San Jose City Council and also served as vice mayor. This collection documents her political trajectory from 1974-1982. During her tenure as mayor she focused on urban development issues and smart growth planning, and was very responsive to increased citizen access to the mayor's office. Gray Hayes became an important role model for women in politics, her success in government represented a watershed for politically minded women in the region, and the Santa Clara Valley became known as the "Feminist Capital of the World." This collection consists of administrative files, election materials, personal files, and public relations materials.

Scope and Contents

The Janet Gray Hayes Papers Addition documents the significance of Janet Gray Hayes in local, state and national politics. She was the first woman elected to the office of mayor of a large American city. Gray Hayes was pivotal in popularizing the Santa Clara Valley's reputation as the "Feminist Capital of the World" which drew international attention to San Jose. With her connections to feminist groups such as the League of Women Voters, the National Organization for Women and National Women's Political Caucus, Gray Hayes kept women's issues at the forefront of her politics and motivated other women to get involved. Even though she faced criticism and many news outlets referred to her simply as an "argumentative housewife" during her campaigns, she continued in her commitment to improve citizen access to the mayor's office, reducing crime, and promoting controlled urban growth in San Jose. She also aided in the appointment of women administrators in city government and also helped women campaign for other political offices. Janet Gray Hayes retired from political life in 1982 after two successful terms serving as the mayor of San Jose.

The Janet Gray Hayes Papers Addition is organized into six series: Series I: Administrative Files, Series II: Campaign & Election Materials, Series III: Public Relations Files, Series IV: Press Clippings, Series V: Memorabilia (three-dimensional) and Series VI: Personal Materials.

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Processing Information

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Arrangement

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

California -- Politics and government
Mayors -- California -- San Jose
San Jose (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century
Women in politics -- California -- History

Series I: Administrative Files 1963-1983

Scope and Contents

Series I documents the mayoral administration of Janet Gray Hayes in San Jose, California from 1976- 1982. Represented are standard administrative records that include project files, correspondence, events and programs, financial statements,, memoranda, awards and speeches, and travel documentation. The correspondence records include letters from President Jimmy Carter; President Ronald Reagan; Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain; Senator Dianne Feinstein (at the time, she was President of the Board of Supervisors); judo coach Yosh Uchida; tennis player Billie Jean King; and actress Helen Hayes. The collection also includes her travel itinerary to China, photographs and memoranda from her trip, as well as campaign material.

This series is arranged alphabetically by format, and then chronologically within each folder.

Box 1, Folder 1
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Box 1, Folder 10
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Box 1, Folder 12
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Box 1, Folder 14
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Administrative, Guadalupe Project 1971
Architectural Drawings 1981
Awards and Recognition 1968, 1976, 1982
Chart - City Council Organization 1980
China Travel 1976-1979
Correspondence (Incoming) 1976-1983
Correspondence (Outgoing) 1963-1982
Events and Programs 1974- 2012
Financial statements and contributions 1974-1981
Measure M advertisement undated
Memoranda 1975-1980
Miscellaneous 1981-1982
Notes and Jaycees awards dinner speech 1983
Schedule Cards 1975-1982
State of the City speeches 1977, 1982
Travel Items 1976-1982

Series II: Campaign & Election Materials 1971-1978

Scope and Contents

Series II documents multiple campaigns of Janet Gray Hayes, for city council Seat 3, mayor, and re-election as mayor. Included in this collection are flyers, campaign mailings and information about her campaigns This series has endorsements for campaigns from local community leaders, canvassing materials from her campaigns and photographs of Gray Hayes on the campaign trail.

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Box 1, Folder 17
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Box 1, Folder 19
Box 1, Folder 20
Box 1, Folder 21
Box 1, Folder 22

Bart Collins campaign and election materials 1974
Campaign and election materials 1972-1973
Campaign materials for City Council election 1971
Endorsements 1974
Mayoral election materials (Folder 1 of 3) 1974, 1976
Mayoral election materials (Folder 2 of 3) 1974

Box 1, Folder 23
Box 1, Folder 24

Mayoral election materials (Folder 3 of 3) 1974
Mayoral re-election materials 1976-1978
Series III: Public Relations Files 1971-1983

Scope and Contents

Series III is comprised of publicity materials that include photographs, speeches, press releases, and audio materials. Most of the files consist of publicity correspondence in which Gray Hayes communicated her ideas and policy recommendations with the press. Also of note are photographs of Gray Hayes meeting with her constituents and speaking to the public. The files are arranged alphabetically by format, and then chronologically within each folder.

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Box 1, Folder 25
Box 1, Folder 26
Box 1, Folder 27
Box 1, Folder 28
Box 1, Folder 29
Box 2, Folder 1

News Publications 1973-1980
Photographs 1974-1976
Publicity photographs (1 of 3) 1974-1978
Publicity photographs (2 of 3) 1974-1978
Publicity Photographs (3 of 3) undated
Speeches 1974-1983

Series IV: Press 1969-2014

Scope and Contents

Series IV has newspaper clippings about Janet Gray Hayes from her first campaign for city council in 1974 through the years to information about her death in 2014. Many of the articles highlight her commitment to making San Jose better not bigger and also enforcing the idea of Santa Clara Valley as the "Feminist Capital of the World". Included in this series is a copy of Time Magazine's January 1976 issue entitled Women of the Year which featured Gray Hayes. Of note are news stories of the times such as the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle which featured President Richard Nixon's resignation in 1974 and Ronald Reagan's assassination attempt in 1981 which caused the press to speculate if Gray Hayes should escalate her service detail. Also included is a booklet celebrating artist (and uncle of Hayes' husband) Alexander Calder's 1978 exhibit at San Jose Museum.

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Box 2, Folder 19
Box 2, Folder 20
Box 2, Folder 21
Box 2, Folder 22
Box 2, Folder 23

Audio Reel, KRRX Radio undated
Audio Reel, Mono undated
Journal of Housing March 1969
Newspaper Clippings 1971-1972
Newspaper Clippings 1973
Newspaper Clippings January-June 1974
Newspaper Clippings July-October 1974
Newspaper Clippings November-December 1974
Newspaper Clippings (Bart Collins, Folder 1 of 2) 1974
Newspaper Clippings (Bart Collins, Folder 2 of 2) 1974
Newspaper Clippings 1975
Newspaper Clippings 1976
Newspaper Clippings 1977
Newspaper Clippings 1978
Newspaper Clippings 1979
Newspaper Clippings 1980
Newspaper Clippings 1981
Newspaper Clippings 1982
Newspaper Clippings 1987
Newspaper Clippings 1994- 2012
Newspaper Clippings undated
VHS Tape: Announcement of AIDS Hospice 1987

Series V: Memorabilia (three-dimensional) 1978-2012

Scope and Contents

Series V contains three dimensional memorabilia of Janet Gray Hayes. Most of the memorabilia is from her campaigns for public office and awards she received while in office. The files are arranged alphabetically by format.

Box 3	Button - Mayor Janet Gray Hayes undated
Box 3	Appreciation bell April 1978
Box 3	City of San Jose Proclamation March 2012
Box 3	Forget Me Not campaign seeds undated
Box 3	Commendation for Kenneth Hayes 1982
Box 3	Congressional Record December 1982
Box 3	Frisbee- Office of Mayor Janet Gray Hayes undated
Box 3	Gavel undated
Box 3	Key to the city of San Jose undated
Box 3	Mug- Office of Mayor Janet Gray Hayes undated
Box 3	Mug- Indiana University undated
Box 3	Name plaques undated

Series VI: Personal Materials 1950-2014

Scope and Contents

Series VI includes personal materials which belonged to Janet Gray Hayes. Included in this collection is a copy of her marriage certificate to Kenneth Hayes, various articles friends gave her and pictures from her college reunion. Also included is a photo album of pictures from her first trip to China as mayor with her family. There are also condolence letters sent to her children following her death in April 2014. Of note are letters from Senator Barbara Boxer from California, California State Senator Jim Beall and Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren. Along with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and Congressman Mike Honda, Lofgren paid tribute to Janet Gray Hayes in the Congressional Record on June 5, 2014.

The files are arranged alphabetically by format, and then chronologically within each folder.

Box 2, Folder 24	Clippings undated
Box 4	Commendation for Kenneth Hayes 1982
Box 4	Framed portrait of Janet Gray Hayes undated
Box 2, Folder 25	Indiana University reunion photo 1998
Box 2, Folder 26	Marriage certificate and anniversary letter 1950, 1975, 2010
Box 2, Folder 27	Condolence letters and Congressional Record 2014
Box 2, Folder 28	Memorial service program 2014
Box 2, Folder 29	Photographs undated
Box 4	Photo album from China trip Feb. 22-29, 1976
Box 4	Resolution of Senate Rules Committee 1976
Box 2, Folder 30	Resume undated
Box 4	Portrait
Box 4	Frame of three photo cut outs
Box 4	Framed Oil Painting Portrait of Hayes
Box 4	"Little Yellow Flower" Picture Frame
Box 4	"Running Man" Framed Picture
Box 4	Janet Gray Hayes Portrait
Box 4	Janet Gray Hayes' Framed Certificate of Marriage March 20, 1950