Collection of Kenneth Hahn

1945-1993
Descriptive Summary
Title: Collection of Kenneth Hahn
Dates: 1945-1993
Collection Number: mssHahn papers
Creator/Collector: Hahn, Kenneth
Extent: 1,1086 boxes, plus 22 scrapbooks and 42 cartons
Repository: Huntington Library. Manuscripts Department
Abstract: Administrative, political, and personal papers of LA County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn
Language of Material: English
Access
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 Acquisition Information
Biography/Administrative History
Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn was born in Los Angeles in 1920. He attended Pepperdine University, from which he received a B.A. in Political Science, and the University of Southern California, where he earned a Master's Degree in Education. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. In 1946, Hahn ran for State Assembly and in 1947, became, at the age of 26, the youngest person to have ever served on the Los Angeles City Council. He was re-elected to the Council in 1949 and 1951. Hahn became the youngest man to serve on the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County when he was elected in November 1952. He was re-elected to the Board for eight consecutive terms. He served as a Supervisor longer than any other person in the history of the County. During Hahn's 40 years in public office, he has amassed a unique record of accomplishment. Among them are creation of the paramedic program, the freeway emergency call boxes, authorship of the Proposition A transit measure, construction of the Sports Arena, the bringing of the Dodgers baseball team to Los Angeles from Brooklyn, the building of the Martin Luther King, Jr. General Hospital, and the enactment of the state-wide "Rob A Home, Go to Jail" law. Kenneth Hahn was married to Ramona Fox, whom he met at Pepperdine. They had two children: James Kenneth Hahn, who has served as Los Angeles City Attorney (1985-2001), Mayor of Los Angeles (2001-2005) and is now a sitting judge on the Los Angeles County Superior Court; and Janice Hahn Baucum who served on the Los Angeles City Council (2001-2011) and is now the U.S. Representative from California's 36th congressional district. Hahn received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Pepperdine University and West Los Angeles College of Law. He died on October 12, 1997 in Los Angeles.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection is the administrative, political, and personal papers of LA County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. It includes papers from his term on the LA City Council and his various campaigns for office covering the period of about 1945 to 1993, with major emphasis on his tenure as Supervisor, from 1953 to 1993. It contains correspondence, reports, drafts of legislation, internal memoranda, photographs, audiotapes, maps, motion pictures, videotape and campaign ephemera. The following list of subjects is incomplete (please see the collection finding aid for a complete list of subjects covered in the papers): Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Robert F. Kennedy's assassination and the case against Sirhan Sirhan, LA County Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, the investigation into Marilyn Monroe's death, California law and legislation, courts, crime, city planning, health services and mental health, the Human Relations Commission, race relations, social services, military and veterans affairs, museums, public works, the Sheriff's Department, education, schools and universities, earthquake issues, parks, urban affairs, the Los Angeles International Airport, professional sports in LA (including the Dodgers baseball team, their move to LA and the construction of their stadium), the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, the LA Memorial Sports Arena, drugs and narcotics, freeways, California government, United States government, water supply, air pollution, public transportation and the County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Watts riots, the riots in 1992 after the Rodney King decision, labor issues, the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, as well as Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lynwood, and Torrance, California. The following list of participants is incomplete (please see the collection finding aid for a complete list of participants in the papers): Fletcher Bowron, Tom Bradley, Edmund G. Brown, Jerry Brown, George Bush, Jimmy Carter, Alan Cranston, George Deukmejian, Bob Dole, Ed Edelman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Clair Engle, Gerald Ford, Daryl Gates, J. Paul Getty, James K. Hahn, Augustus F. Hawkins.
Hubert Humphrey, Lyndon Johnson, Edward Kennedy, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Walter Mondale, Stanley Mosk, Ralph Nader, Walter F. O'Malley, Ronald Reagan, Norman Schwarzkopf, John Van de Kamp, Earl Warren, Sam Yorty, California's District Attorney, Grand Jury, Legislature and Superior Court, the County Public Library, and the following Los Angeles County offices: Air Pollution Control District, Board of Supervisors, Commission on Human Relations, County Counsel, Dept. of Health Services, Dept. of Public Social Services, Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Urban Affairs, Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission, Office of Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner and the Los Angeles County Earthquake Commission.

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- Bowron, Fletcher, 1887-1968
- Bradley, Tom, 1917-1998
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- Brown, Jerry, 1938-
- Bush, George, 1924-
- Carter, Jimmy, 1924-
- Cranston, Alan, 1914-2000
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- Dole, Robert J., 1923-
- Edelman, Edmund D.
- Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969
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- Gates, Daryl F., 1926-2010
- Getty, J. Paul (Jean Paul), 1892-1976
- Hahn, James K., 1950-
- Hawkins, Augustus F.
- Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978
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