Guide to the Leonard C. Moffitt Files on the Planning of Orange County and University of California, Irvine MS.R.116

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Abstract: This collection comprises the research files and manuscript of Leonard C. Moffitt, campus-community planner at the University of California, Irvine, and author of several books about community and urbanization in Orange County and elsewhere. Included are interviews with many prominent political figures and community leaders from Orange County, survey questionnaires, statistical data, maps, clippings from local newspapers, and publications from local business and associations. Also included is correspondence with the UC Irvine chancellor and administrators, employees of the Irvine Company, and city and county officials from Orange County.

creator: Moffitt, Leonard C.

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Acquisition Information


Custodial History

Transferred from University Archives to Special Collections and Archives as a manuscript collection in 2000.

Processing History


Historical Background

Leonard Caum Moffitt was the campus-community planner at the University of California, Irvine, (1962-1965) as well as the author of several books about the planning of communities including the UC Irvine campus, the city of Irvine and Orange County, California.

Moffitt was appointed to the position of campus-community planner by Daniel G. Aldrich, UC Irvine’s first chancellor. He worked closely with architects, Irvine Company employees and UC administrators during the planning and construction of the UC Irvine campus.

After initial planning of the campus was complete, Chancellor Aldrich commissioned Moffitt to study the rapid growth of Orange County during 1950s and 1960s. The published book that resulted from Moffitt’s research is titled, Community and Urbanization: Orange County, California.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Bibliography

Moffitt wrote the following books about the development of Orange County, California, and the University of California, Irvine, which are available in Special Collections and Archives and can be found in the library catalog ANTPAC:


**Collection Arrangement**


**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Moffitt, Leonard C. -- Archives
Campus planning -- California -- Irvine -- Archives.
City planning--California--Orange County--Archives.
University of California, Irvine -- Planning -- Archives.

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**Research files, Series 1: 1957-1967**

**Physical Description:** 0.8 Linear feet (2 boxes and 1 XOS folder)

**Collection Arrangement**

The arrangement is alphabetical, with oversized materials last.

**Box 1, Folder 1**

Annexation statutes: compilation, 1961

**Box 1, Folder 2**

Burton, Koivisto and Koivisto vs. County of Orange: court filing, 1961

**Box 1, Folder 3**

Cities and school districts: datasheets, 1966

**Box 1, Folder 4**

Elections (Orange County): research notes, sample ballots, and voters' guides, 1966

**Box 1, Folder 5**

Fair housing initiatives (Orange County) and race relations: trade publications, correspondence and other materials, 1964-1966 and undated

**Box 1, Folder 6**

Incorporation of Orange Park Acres, Calif.: reports, 1962-1965

**Box 1, Folder 7**

Irvine (City of) and UC Irvine planning: statistical summary sheets, correspondence, reports and other materials, 1963-1965 and undated

**Box 1, Folder 8**

League of Women Voters, California and national: publications, 1957-1965

**Box 1, Folder 9**

Mental health programs and services (Orange County): pamphlets, fact sheets and other materials, 1963-1966

**Box 1, Folder 10**

Newspapers in Los Angeles County: *Herald-Examiner* circulation statistics and historical data, 1959-1965

**Box 1, Folder 11**


**Box 1, Folder 12**

Philharmonic Society and Symphony Orchestra: interview notes, pamphlets and other materials, 1965-1966

**Box 1, Folder 13**

Planning Commission, Orange County: reports, correspondence, publications and other materials, 1963-1966

**Box 1, Folder 14**

Population growth and related issues (Orange County): reports and publications, 1960-1966

**Box 1, Folder 15**

Property tax assessment: correspondence, articles, speech and other materials, 1964-1967

**Box 1, Folder 16**

Research status and documentation: report, correspondence and other materials, 1965-1966

**Box 2, Folder 1**


**Box 2, Folder 2**

School districting (Orange County and UC Irvine): memos, data sheets, maps and other materials, 1962-1965

**Box 2, Folder 3**

School districting (Orange County and UC Irvine): Newspaper clippings, 1964-1965
Box 2, Folder 4  Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG): bylaws, correspondence and notes, 1964-1966 and undated
University of California, Irvine,

Box 2, Folder 5  Long range development plan: annotated report draft, correspondence and meeting notes, 1962-1965

Box 2, Folder 6  Long Range Development Plan: staff study, 1964

Box 2, Folder 7  Long Range Development Plan: publication and re-design sketch plan (William Pereira and Associates), 1963-1964

Box 2, Folder 8  Special legislation on community planning: correspondence, draft proposals and other materials, 1963

Box 2, Folder 9  University housing and inclusion area development study: reports, correspondence and other materials. 1962-1966

Folder XOS 001  Campus zoning plan: map 1963 June

Interviews and questionnaires, Series 2: 1965-1966

Physical Description: 0.8 Linear feet (2 boxes)

Series Scope and Content Summary

Interviews are narrative accounts of conversations Moffitt had with city and community leaders.

Questionnaires are brief multiple choice forms filled out by city managers, city planners, planning directors and others in Orange County.

Series Arrangement

The series is arranged with interviews first followed by questionnaires.

Box 3, Folder 1  Interview and questionnaires: lists 1965-1966

Interviews

Box 3, Folder 2  Central section of Orange County, 1965-1966

Box 3, Folder 3  Coastal section of Orange County, 1965-1966

Box 3, Folder 4  County-wide, 1965-1966

Box 4, Folder 5  Eastern section of Orange County, 1965-1966

Box 3, Folder 6  Northern section of Orange County, 1965-1966

Box 4, Folder 1  Irvine company; property assessment, 1965-1966

Box 4, Folder 2  Orange County officials, 1965-1966

Box 4, Folder 3  Western section of Orange County, 1965-1966

Questionnaires

Box 4, Folder 4  City managers, 1965-1966

Box 4, Folder 5  City planning, 1965-1966

Box 4, Folder 6  General, 1965-1966

Box 4, Folder 7  Planning directors, 1965-1966

Community and Urbanization: Orange County, California draft, Series 3: 1967 March

Physical Description: 0.4 Linear feet (1 box)

Series Scope and Content Summary

The series consists of one draft manuscript in two volumes.

Box 5  Draft manuscript, 1967 March