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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ralph G. Richardson Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1956-1977
Collection number: 1523
Creator: Richardson, Ralph G.
Extent: 83 boxes (41.5 linear ft.)4 microfilm boxes1 oversize box 1 oversize package
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.
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Abstract: Ralph Richardson was a board member of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Los Angeles Community College District. He joined the faculty at UCLA in 1948 as a speech instructor. His wife, Mary Lou Richardson, served on the Culver City Council (1956-60) and was mayor of Culver City (1958-59). The collection contains papers related to Richardson's career at UCLA and as a board member of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Mary Lou's papers are also included.

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Biography
Richardson was a board member of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Los Angeles Community College District; he joined the faculty at UCLA in 1948 as a speech instructor; his wife, Mary Lou Richardson, served on the Culver City Council (1956-60) and was mayor of Culver City (1958-59).

Scope and Content
Collection contains papers related to Ralph G. Richardson's career as a member of the UCLA faculty and as a board member of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Also includes papers of his wife, Mary Lou Richardson, who was the first woman mayor of Culver City, California.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Richardson, Ralph G.--Archives.
University of California, Los Angeles--Faculty--Archival resources.
Los Angeles Unified School District--Officials and employees--Archival resources.
Richardson, Mary Lou, 1917-1989.

Political Activities

1962 Campaign

Boxes 15-19
Box 26

Alphabetical files. n.d.
Topic files. n.d.

Scope and Content Note
e.g. Campaign staff, Fact sheets, Finance - plans for fund raising.
Note
Unlabeled by RR.

Boxes 27-28

Topic files, etc. n.d.

Scope and Content Note
e.g. Anti-Rafferty, Max - writings and speeches.
Note
Unlabeled by RR.
| Boxes 29-31 | **Tapes of Rafferty and RR speeches. n.d.**  
|            | Physical Description: 1 oversize box. |
| Boxes 20-25 | **Alphabetical files S - Z, also unfiled past campaign correspondence. n.d.** |
| Boxes 37-40 | **Financial records. n.d.**  
|            | Physical Description: Badly damaged, boxed in old document boxes until conserved. |
| Box 32 - 36 | **Press clippings. n.d.**  
|            | Note  
|            | Need cleaning. |

### Campaigns

**Los Angeles City School District. n.d.**

- Box 63: Address cards: A - B. n.d.
- Box 64: Address cards: C - F. n.d.
- Box 65: Address cards: G - I. n.d.
- Box 66: Address cards: J - L. n.d.
- Box 67: Address cards: M - Q. n.d.
- Box 68: Address cards: R - Sp. n.d.
- Box 69: Address cards: Sta - Z. n.d.

**Los Angeles County - Outside District. n.d.**

- Box 70: Address cards: A - M. n.d.
- Box 71: Address cards: M - Z. n.d.

**General State (non-Los Angeles). n.d.**

- Box 72: Address cards: N - R. n.d.
- Box 73: Address cards: S - Z. n.d.
- Box 74: **Contributors. 1965.**  
  - Scope and Content Note  
  - Address cards.  

**Memberships. n.d.**

- Box 75: Scope and Content Note  
  - Address cards.  

### Los Angeles Democratic County Committee Election

**Boxes 1-3**

[No further description available]. 1956.

### Los Angeles Board of Education

**Boxes 4-9**

[No further description available]. 1961- .  
- Scope and Content Note  
  - Also first file [illegible].  

**Boxes 10-14**

[No further description available]. 1960s.  
- Scope and Content Note  
  - Also RR writings, AOPA pilot magazine.  

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Political Activities

Los Angeles Board of Education

Boxes 41-45
Committee files of interest, folder on integrating and busing. n.d.
Office deals. 1969 and n.d.

Note
Briefly reviewed by AC (4-29-87).

Boxes 50-52
Office deals. 1969 and n.d.

Note

Boxes 56-61
Largely Board of Education letters, some campaign items. . . . letter from James Roosevelt. . . . n.d.

Los Angeles Board of Education Campaigns

Boxes 1-3

Los Angeles Board of Trustees Campaigns

Boxes 46-49

Political Activities

Boxes 53-55
Adlai Stevenson, Pat Brown originals. n.d.

Unlabeled

Box 62
Scrapbook, etc. Also Personal files, past defeat, letters of analyses and sympathies. n.d.

Research Material

Jefferson Davis

Boxes 83-86
Microfilms of newspapers. n.d.

Physical Description: Microfilm boxes.

Box 87
Photostats of documents, notes on microfilm. n.d.

Physical Description: Oversize box.

Box 88
Photostats of documents. n.d.

Note
Now rolled. To be flattened and boxed.

Richardson, Mrs. - Political Activities

Mayoralty of Culver City

Box 89
Topic files, etc. n.d.

Teaching Activities

Lincoln Seminar
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### Boxes 81-82

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<td>These term papers from my UCLA Lincoln seminar represent a sample of skills &amp; creativity some of my students achieved. I'm proud of the students. . ..</td>
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### UCLA |

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