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Abstract: Lynn Schenk is a lawyer and politician who served one term in the U.S. House of Representatives as a congresswoman from San Diego. She also served as Chief of Staff to Gray Davis during his entire tenure as Governor of California. The collection consists mostly of material from these offices, including subject files, correspondence, and administrative records. There is also material relating to several political campaigns, including Schenk's own, the 2003 gubernatorial recall, and the 2004 presidential race.
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Biography/History
Lynn Schenk was born on January 5, 1945 in the Bronx, New York. The daughter of immigrants from Eastern Europe, she and her family moved westward, finally settling in Los Angeles. Schenk received a BA from UCLA, and then earned her law degree at the University of San Diego. Politically and socially active, in 1972 she co-founded the Lawyers Club of San Diego as an organization to support female lawyers and to advocate for women's rights in general. In 1975, she was appointed a White House Fellow and worked for three years in the Office of the Vice President. In 1992, she ran for the U.S. Congress in a newly created district that encompassed most of San Diego. When she won, she became the first woman ever elected to the House of Representatives from the city, and the first Democrat in forty years. Though she lost her reelection bid in 1994, she remained active in Democratic and California politics. In 1998, governor-elect Gray Davis asked her to serve as his Chief of Staff, and she remained in that role until Davis was recalled in 2003.

Scope and Content
The collection consists of material relating to the political career of Lynn Schenk, especially her term as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and her position as Chief of Staff to California governor Gray Davis. There are subject files with information about issues important to voters, as well as administrative files regarding the operations of various offices. There is correspondence from constituents, lobbyists, and other political figures. The collection also contains a great deal of material on campaigns, including the successful effort to recall Davis from office, and the 2004 presidential race, during which Schenk was an important fundraiser for John Kerry. Also represented are Schenk's unsuccessful bids for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and California attorney general. There is also a small amount of personal material.

Organization and Arrangement
The collection is organized into the following series:
Series 1. Chief of Staff files
Series 2. U.S. Congress files
Series 3. White House Fellows files
Series 4. California Attorney General files
Series 5. San Diego County Board of Supervisors files
Series 6. Kerry/Edwards campaign files
Series 7. Personal files

Separated Material

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Schenk, Lynn, 1945- -- Archives
California--Politics and government.
Lawyers--California--San Diego--Archives.
United States. Congress. House

Series 1. Chief of Staff files 1998-2003
Scope and Content
This series contains material from Schenk's tenure as Chief of Staff to California governor Gray Davis.

Subject files 1999-2003
Organization and Arrangement
Files are maintained in their original order.
Scope and Content
This subseries includes material relating to a variety of topics, both political and administrative.

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Scope and Content

Incoming correspondence (which is usually accompanied by a response) is organized by month from December, 1998 to November, 2001, although January-March, 1999 is missing. After that, the correspondence is only minimally present, and unsorted. Outgoing correspondence (which consists only of copies of Schenk's replies, which are often handwritten) is well-sorted for 2000 and roughly chronological for 2001.

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Pins undated

Scope and Content
Two pins in the shape of California designed for Gray and Sharon Davis by the Franklin Mint.

Box 11
Stationery undated

Videotapes 2001-2003

Scope and Content
Twelve cassettes.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
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Box 12
VHS tapes 2001-2003

Scope and Content
Twelve cassettes.

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Scope and Content
This series contains material regarding Schenk's term in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the election campaigns associated with it.

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Organization and Arrangement
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Scope and Content
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Scope and Content
This series contains material relating to Schenk's campaign for California Attorney General.
Organization and Arrangement
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Series 5. San Diego County Board of Supervisors files 1984
Scope and Content
This series consists of material relating to Schenk’s campaign to join the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

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Scope and Content
This series contains material on the 2004 U.S. presidential election, during which Schenk was a very active trustee for the John Kerry campaign. It consists mostly of documents related to a variety of fundraising events across the country.

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Series 7. Personal files 1959-2005
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