

**FINDING AID FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE
BAY AREA RECORDS, 1966-2016 (#2016-0018)**

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Collection Number: 2016-0018

Title: League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Records

Creator: League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Inclusive Dates: 1966-2016

Extent: 3.5 linear feet

Language: English

Restrictions on Access

Much of the collection is accessible by the public. The folder "Member handbooks," numbered as "Box 1, Folder 13," is restricted due to an agreement with the donor. The folder contains member information that is still current as of 2016 when this collection was processed. Researchers wishing to gain access to this folder should consult with the UHCL Archives Associate Director.

Restrictions on Use: There are no restrictions on using this collection.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by LeeAnn Morris, secretary of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area in August 2016.

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Historical Note

The League of Women Voters of Texas was formed on October 19, 1919, at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, four months before the establishment of the national organization the League of Women Voters. LWVTX focused its early efforts on educating the newly-enfranchised women voters of the state, after the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920 granted women the right to vote. The Texas league became part of the national league in February 1920.

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area (LWVBA) in coastal Houston, Texas, was formed in 1965 as the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center and human space flight program was bringing new residents to the area. The nonprofit organization became primarily known for their nonpartisan work in voters service, including registering people to vote; publishing and distributing voters guides and directories of local and state government officials; and hosting candidates' forums.

The LWVBA meets monthly to promote civic participation in the Bay Area of southeast Houston. The Bay Area League has addressed local issues, such as health care, environmental concerns, and international relations. As of 2022, the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area is still in operation in the region.

Scope and Content

The collection is composed of board meeting minutes, annual reports, newsletters, member handbooks, flyers, correspondence, financial records, publications, newspaper articles, and miscellaneous materials, documenting the history and operations of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area (LWVBA) in coastal Houston, Texas. The collection mostly documents their operations from 1966 to 2008. The largest set of materials are the LWVBA board meeting minutes from 1966 to 2002, which provide the operational and decision-making history for the organization during its first thirty-six years. The collection also includes two official League scrapbooks, compiled between 1979 and 1993 (with a gap in 1985), documenting the groups activities during this period.

Index Terms

Corporate Name

League of Women Voters (U.S.)

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
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	2	Board Meeting Minutes	1968
	3	Board Meeting Minutes	1969
	4	Board Meeting Minutes	1970
	5	Board Meeting Minutes	1971
	6	Board Meeting Minutes (1/2)	1972
	7	Board Meeting Minutes (2/2)	1972
	8	Board Meeting Minutes	1973
	9	Board Meeting Minutes	1974
	10	Board Meeting Minutes	1975
	11	Board Meeting Minutes	1976
	12	Board Meeting Minutes	1977
2	1	Board Meeting Minutes	1978
	2	Board Meeting Minutes	1979
	3	Board Meeting Minutes	1980
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	10	Board Meeting Minutes	1987
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	4	Board Meeting Minutes	2000
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	8	Financial Papers	1979-1992
	9	Annual Reports	1979-2015
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	11	Speeches	1982, 1991
	12	Newsletter: <i>The Bay Area Voter</i>	1983-2001
	13	Member handbooks (RESTRICTED)	1980-2001

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	14	Newspaper articles	1984-2007
4	1	Press release	1981-1982
	2	Promotional brochures/flyers	1973-2013
	3	Publications	1981-1993
	4	Mayor proclamation	1980
	5	1983-1984 calendar	1983-1984
	6	Certificates/awards	2003, 2008, 2016
	7	Letters	1978-1998
	8	VHS videotape, "Meet the League" breakfast	1991
	9	Secretary/Annual Report (3 CD discs)	2002-2004
	10	Personal addresses/ membership directories	1979-1991
5		Scrapbook	1979-1984
		Scrapbook	1986-1993