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CITY HALL & NAVY BASE RECORDS

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Descriptive Summary

Title: The City Hall & Navy Base Records

Dates: 1927-2010

Collection Numbers: 2019.033, 2019.029, 2019.023, 2019.022

Creator: City of Long Beach

Extent: Approximately 60 linear ft.

Abstract: The collection is comprised largely of collections from City of Long Beach staff including Port of Long Beach (Harbor Department) staff when the 1970s City Hall and Port building were vacated before relocating to a newly constructed civic center. Boxes were donated from several sources the City Clerk, Planning Department, Port, and others over many months.

Included are the original Historic American Buildings Survey and documentation for the now demolished Roosevelt Navy Base and Shipyard complex and subsequent property reuse, aerial photography of the entire city organized into binders in 2019.033.2411-2416 and 2019.033.2417-2430, slide photography of the harbor area and Long Beach



Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles River Dredging, Southeast Resource Recovery Facility, Urban Planning and Redevelopment, Infrastructure, Subsidence, and more.

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Acquisition Information: The collection was donated to the Historical Society of Long Beach in 2019 over the course of several months.

Processing Information: The materials arrived in approximately five different donations in 2019, some sections were well organized in boxes while other items were not in boxes. Once at the Historical Society of Long Beach, the materials were sorted into six series' and rehoused in acid-free folders and boxes. Some processing was done at the item level, others at the folder level, and others at the box level.

Rehousing and cataloging of the collection was led by HSLB staff member Alan Scardera with help from Jen Malone, and volunteers Joseph Vanderhorst, Tristan Willenburg, James Matthis, Samantha Jovanovic, Janine White, Amara Ly, Caitlin Fisher, and Mitchell Tanaka. This finding aid was prepared by Alan Scardera and Julie Bartolotto in 2023. The processing of this collection and creation of this finding aid were made possible by a generous grant from the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association. The promotion of the collection was sponsored by the Port of Long Beach.

Biography: First incorporated in 1888, the City of Long Beach is the 42nd-most populated city in the United States. It is located in Los Angeles County on San Pedro Bay. It has an area of nearly 52 square miles. Long Beach is a charter city governed by nine council members elected by district, and a Mayor elected at large. Its population is among the most racially and ethnically diverse in the nation. The City has its own health, police, and fire departments along with municipal water, sewage, gas, sanitation, and animal care services. Its port is one of the busiest container ports in the country and one of the largest shipping ports in the world.

Scope and Content: The City Hall and Navy Base Records collection contains materials from the City and Port of Long Beach from 1927-2010, with significant emphasis on the Navy Base, Shipyard, and Hospital closure and reuse. The materials include documents, correspondence, newspaper and journal articles, ledgers, photographs, 35mm slides, maps, and a few objects.

Arrangement: The City Hall & Navy Base Records Collection is arranged in six series and collated into a single index list.

Series 1: 2019.033 Letter size documents from the City of Long Beach Clerk's Office. Includes materials related to: Alameda Corridor and transportation, Long Beach Naval Complex closure/reuse, Naval Hospital, Boeing, Los Altos Shopping Center, Ice Dogs professional hockey team, Omar H. Hubbard building, Roosevelt Base Historic American Building Survey materials, Los Angeles River, Solid Waste Management, Grand Prix, Public Health, Public Works, Subsidence, municipal infrastructure, and more. 22 Boxes

Series 2: 2019.033 Legal size documents from the City of Long Beach Clerk's Office. Includes materials related to: Dominguez Water Corporation, Southern California Water Company, Western Union Telegraph, Public Utilities Commission, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Planning Division, Grand Prix, Police Pistol Range, Lawsuits, Cabrillo Savannah, North Long Beach Redevelopment, Legislative Strategy Committee, Leased Housing Program, Ordinances, Transportation Companies, and more. 9 Boxes

Series 3: 2019.033 Oversized, Photographic, Slide items from the City of Long Beach Clerk's Office, and a stamp. Includes images related to Redevelopment, Mitigation, Environmental Management, Aerial Maps, Planning Division, Spruce Goose, Harbor Operations, and more. 4 Boxes

Series 4: 2019.029 from the City of Long Beach Development Services, Planning Bureau. Includes: Interior Floor Plan of City Hall, zoning map, elevation plan of Anaheim and Linden, Victory Park blueprint, circulation element map, blueprints of Meeker Baker Building. Various Containers

Series 5: 2019.023 from the City of Long Beach Office of the City Auditor. Includes: 5 books and a report related to municipal operations. 1 Box

Series 6: 2019.022 from the City of Long Beach Department of Public Works. Includes: aerial photographs of Long Beach during the 1960s and early 1970s, Downtown street view photographs. 1 Box

Subjects:

35mm Slides
Aerial Photographs
Aerial Views
Air Quality
Beach Erosion
BRAC Closures
Budget
City of Long Beach
City Planning
Construction

Demolition
Development
Dominguez Water Corporation
Energy Production, Conservation, and Management
Entertainment Facilities and Groups (Ice Dogs, Grand Prix, Civic Light Opera, etc.)
Harbor
Highway Infrastructure
Highways
Housing
Independent Cities Association
Lawsuits
League of Cities
Long Beach Airport
Long Beach General Hospital
Los Angeles River
Maps
McDonnell Douglas
National League of Cities
Naval Base
Naval Hospital Property
Naval Shipyard
Oil Subsidence
Photography
Port of Long Beach
Port of Long Beach
Public and Private Transportation Networks
Public Health
Public Works
Redevelopment, Urban
Roosevelt Navy Base
Slides
Solid Waste Management
Southern California Association of Governors
Southern California Water Company
Spruce Goose
Streets
Tax Reform
Urban Planning
Water/River Management
Western Union

Government Names:

Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority
California House of Representatives
California State Senate
City of Hawaiian Gardens

City of Lakewood
City of Long Beach
City of Los Angeles
City of Signal Hill
Department of Urban Affairs
Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (long Beach, Calif.)
Los Angeles County Development Authority
Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Port of Long Beach
United States Navy

Geographic Areas:

Long Beach, Calif.
Los Angeles, Calif.