



Bernadine Stake
Papers, 1969-2014

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Biographical Note:

Bernadine Stake (1926-2019) was born in Nebraska and graduated with an education degree from the University of Nebraska in 1961. In 1963, she and her family relocated to Urbana, Illinois, and became active in local politics. Stake served on the Urbana City Council from 1969-1983, and again from 1983-1987. In 1981, she ran for mayor, losing to the incumbent Jeff Markland by 317 votes (she would have been Urbana's first female mayor). She also supported numerous Democratic politicians at local, state, and national levels. In addition to her political work, Stake taught science education to elementary teachers at the University of Illinois, completed Educational Master's and Doctorate degrees, conducted educational research, and raised four children.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection documents Bernadine Stake's political career. During her tenure on the Urbana City Council, Stake served on numerous committees, task forces, and commissions including the Committee on Environment and Public Safety, the Solid Waste Task Force, and the Urbana Plan Commission. The bulk of this collection is dedicated to Stake's work on individual issues and projects including solid waste disposal, renter's rights, and equal rights for women. There are also papers which document her campaigns and her editorial/position writings.

Arrangement:

This collection is divided into four series: Campaign Materials, Writings, Council & Community Activity, and Issues.

Series 1: Campaign Materials:

Includes documents explicating the Democratic Party Platform and nominees, as well as material specific to Stake's campaigns, including ephemera from her various political bids.



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Series 2: Writings:

Collects Stake's position papers from her mayoral campaign, correspondence, and editorials. (Correspondence directly relating to a certain issue can also be found among the *Issues* series papers.)

Series 3: Council and Community Activity:

Collects minutes and agenda from the City Council and the various committees on which Stake served, along with her notes taken during the meetings. Documents about personnel appointments within the City's hierarchy are also included in this series.

Series 4: Issues:

Collects materials on topics Stake championed. Most of these are issues that were brought before the Council; however, some are matters that were of a personal concern and did not see legislative action. Work on individual resolutions and ordinances passed by the Council can also be found in this series. The largest portion of this collection is devoted to Stake's work organizing solid waste disposal and landfill locations for the cities of Champaign-Urbana. Also included are subject files and working documents on issues of environmental protection and historical preservation; improving commerce in downtown Urbana; and equal rights for women, people of color, immigrants, and gays and lesbians. These papers contain a large number of newspaper clippings. Many of these have been removed from their original location, and photocopies can be found in Box 2. In most cases, if local newspaper articles can be identified, they have been discarded. However, an index of citations for these materials appears at the end of this finding aid.

Subject Terms:

Carle Park (Urbana, Ill.).
Jumer's Castle Lodge, Inc.
Local elections.
Markland, Jeffrey T. (1940-2011)
Ordinances, Municipal--Urbana.
Political campaigns.
Refuse collection.
Resolution (law).
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