Guide to the League of Women Voters of Mobile, Alabama Records

Descriptive Summary:
Creator: League of Women Voters of Mobile, Alabama
Title: League of Women Voters of Mobile, Alabama Records
Dates: 1955-2007
Quantity: 13.3 linear feet
Abstract: Correspondence, records, subject files, and clippings.
Accession: 79-09-37 ; 037-1979

Organizational History:
The League of Woman Voters of Mobile held its first meeting on May 23, 1955, in the Mobile Public Library. There were twenty-four original members. In April 1956, the Mobile Chapter became a provisional member of the National League of Women Voters. League members attended city commission meetings, assisted poll workers, and supported numerous charities and causes in Mobile. Beginning in the 1960s, the Mobile League joined with other organizations in support of better environmental practices along the Gulf Coast. Twenty years later, in order to fight against an ocean waste incineration plan for Mobile Bay, League members helped found the Coastal Environmental Alliance. The Mobile League continues to be active in local politics today.

Scope and Contents:
The League of Women Voters of Mobile Papers contain correspondence, minutes, subject files, publications, and newspaper clippings dealing with local, state, and national issues relating to politics, environmental protection, and a variety of other topics. Of particular local interest is the large section about the Mobile League’s environmental activism and the series on the Coastal Environmental Alliance. Accretions to the collection are made from time to time.
Arrangement:
The collection is divided into four series: 1. Organization Records (6 cubic feet); 2. Subject Files (5 cubic feet); 3. Environmental Subject Files (3.75 cubic feet); and 4. Coastal Environmental Alliance (1 cubic foot.)

Access Restrictions:
This material is open to research.

Preferred Citation:
League of Women Voters of Mobile, Alabama Records, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.

Series Description:

Series 1: Organization Records
Contains correspondence, meeting minutes, membership information, and printed materials and is subdivided into local, state, and national records.

Series 2: Subject Files
Alphabetically-arranged subject files relating to the Mobile League activities. Of particular interest are files on Mobile public education, criminal justice, and municipal government studies.

Series 3: Environmental Subject Files
Consists of subject files dealing with environmental activities along the Gulf Coast. There are large files on Mobil Oil and the Save Our Dunes Project. The series also contains newspaper clippings and miscellaneous printed materials. Researchers should also consult

Series 4: Coastal Environmental Alliance
A coalition of organizations formed in the 1980s to combat environmental destruction along the Gulf Coast. The Alliance coordinated the efforts of several organizations to oppose oceanic waste incineration in Mobile Bay and other related projects. The series consists of correspondence, subject files, printed material, and minutes from the organization for the early 1980s. The material was removed from its original order among other League papers to facilitate research.

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