

Felicia Kahn Collection
1962-1979

FELICIA SCHORNSTEIN KAHN (1926 -)

Collection: NAC 316-317; NAB 79
Size: 3.25 cubic feet
Accession Number: 01-012, 01-022
Location: NCCROW

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:

Donation of Felicia Kahn

RESTRICTIONS:

None

PROCESSORS:

Bridget M. Cameron, Newcomb Class of 2002
Amanda N. Sheldon, Newcomb Class of 2003
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ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:

The collection is organized into 3 boxes of file folders and 1 box of memorabilia and index card files. All attempts were made to preserve the original order of the documents. The original file folders were replaced with acid-free folders, and all metal fasteners were removed.

FINDING AIDS:

Inventory with finding folder descriptions is available in the repository. Numbers on folders correspond to the list of written descriptions.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Felicia Schornstein Kahn was born July, 11, 1926 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her B.A. from Newcomb College in 1948. From 1966-1969, Kahn served as President of the New Orleans League of Women Voters. She was a lobbyist for the ERA in the Louisiana Legislature throughout the 1970s. Kahn helped to organize the National Women's Political Caucus to elect women to the Democratic National Convention in 1972. She, herself, was an elected member to the Louisiana Democratic State Central Committee. In 1973, she lobbied to include women's rights in the constitution at the Louisiana Constitutional Convention. She ran for a seat in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1975 and 1979, but unfortunately lost both races. In 1976, Kahn served both as a Louisiana Representative to the Democratic National Convention and as chair of the National Women's Political Caucus of New Orleans. She was a member of the Commission for the International Women's Year and a workshop chair of the

Louisiana Women's Conference in 1977. In 1978, she was a delegate to the United States International Women's Year Conference. Today, she is an active member of the revived Louisiana Women's Political Caucus and many other organizations.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection contains information regarding Felicia Kahn's political activities and campaigns in New Orleans and Louisiana dating from the 1940s to the 1980s. However the bulk of the collection dates from 1960-1989. Especially helpful to the researcher are her notes on clippings and political ephemera.

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Newcomb or Tulane freshman (?) hat. Could be ca. 1944 or 1930 or 1931. Had both at one time.

ERA 1979 bumper sticker. Common Cause Louisiana newsletter dated January/February 1979, refers to ERA.

Louisiana Women's Political Caucus newsletters. May 1979, September/October 1979.

Campaign literature. 1975- 3 campaign brochures with different center pages for targeting, 1979- postcard, flyer, campaign brochure.

3 #78 (Ballot number in 1979) stickers and receipts for them.

1979 Support Information. Letter from Senior Citizens Political Organization, Inc. Flyer from Uptown Voters for Improved Government. Flyer from the Black Organization for Leadership Development.

Answers to Organizational survey from the Louisiana American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (letter dated August 23, 1979); Letter from *The States-Item* (dated September 17, 1979) requesting candidate information. Louisiana State Legislature survey from The League of Women Voters of New Orleans - 1979.

1975 and 1979 Newspaper Articles on campaigns. June 4, 1979 Figaro article on Mary Landrieu

1979 - Background information used to produce campaign literature.

August 29, 1975 letter to Blaise M. Carrier, Director of Department of Streets. October 1979 letter to Joanne Hilton. October 20, 1979 letter from David Derbes.

1975 Volunteers on campaign, sign locations.

1971, 1979 League of Women Voters of New Orleans Candidates Information.

1974 campaign flyer (2).

May 1974 Independent Women's Organization Membership Roster.

1975, 1979 campaign letterheads, envelopes, stickers, and postcards.

1979 Election returns and ballot.

1975 Felicia's precinct returns

1975 contributions, checking account deposit tickets.

Poster photographs of Felicia - from Pat Denton's Photographic Services, New Orleans.

1979 master list of nominating petitions

1979 money contributions

1979 rejected letterhead and photographs with receipts for them (from Weill Strother East, Inc. Advertising and Public Relations.

1975 photographs for mailouts and mailouts. 1979 mailouts.

1979 newspaper clippings of issues of concern for legislation.

1979 press clippings.

1975 treasurer information.

1979 commissioner's list 1979.

1979 endorsements in newspapers and newsletters.

April 1, 1965 State Department of Education of Louisiana: The Administrative Structure of Louisiana's Public Educational System pamphlet.

1967 - 1968 State of Louisiana Election Information pamphlet.

1974 Proposed Constitution of the State of Louisiana.
1977, 1978, and 1985 - articles about women and ERA.
October 3, 1956 New Orleans Item article- "Can't Afford GOP Congress" (attached note: "I'm sorry this was part of what got wet once. It seems to be the oldest thing I have now).
January 5, 1960 New Orleans States and Item article on League of Women Voters.
Various LWV pamphlets and information 1964 - 1978. Various political pamphlets.
1965 Total Community Action, Inc.; 1971 Metropolitan Area Committee
1975 Kahn campaign flyers
1979 Kahn campaign 30 second radio spot
1979 newspaper clippings and Bel's voting record
1979 election district maps
1979 poll watcher information
1979 canvassing information
1979 petition lists
1979 campaign materials before election and thank you letters after Kahn's loss
1979 "Right to Work"
1979 Kahn campaign expenses
1979 Kahn phone bank instructions
1979 voting machines and Bel's voting record
1979 notes to "Clydia and Felicia" from "Walter" and postage information
1979 newspaper clippings regarding election results
1979 newspaper clippings regarding electoral race
1979 list of civic organizations, campaign committee lists, and notes
1970 campaign flyers from other candidates
1978 Ernest and Dutch Morial correspondences and campaign materials
1975 "Felicia Kahn, Representative 52" publication
1979 "Representative Kahn #78, Achievement is the Difference" publication
1979 Orleans Parish Voter Registration Selection List and campaign materials
1980 "The Report of the Platform Committee to the 1980 Democratic National Convention" and 1984 Democratic National Convention materials
1975 collective bargaining and union information
1975 and 1979 campaign /election for the Louisiana House of Representatives
1975 endorsements
1975 campaign letters
1975 newspaper clippings regarding election
1978 "State of Louisiana Election Campaign Finance Disclosure Act"
1975 Kahn's initiation of law suite against the Public Grain elevator
1974 lists of supporters
1975 Harry Connick campaign, Jewish Welfare Fund, NOW, the Alliance for Good Government, etc.
1975 lists of people to receive postcards
"Felicia Kahn Representative" letterhead

1975 press releases
1979 "Elections, A Campaign Law Seminar" presented by the Louisiana Trial Law Association; August 1979 "Broadmoor Newsletter"
1976 *The Courier*; and Times-Picayune article on Black Politics in New Orleans
1975 Clyde Bel letter asking for support and Kahn campaign materials
1975 campaign expenses

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1975 correspondence from Damuel C. Gainsburgh to Felicia Kahn
1975 newspaper clippings regarding campaign finance reform
May 5, 1975 article from *The States-Item* "Orleans area legislators favor lift of sex education ban"
1975 *Louisiana Consumer*, Volume 7, No. 7&8
Postcards mailed by Russ Carll
1975 environmental publications
1975 newspaper clippings regarding electoral race, campaign materials from other candidates
1975 "Guidelines for State Legislation on Government Ethics and Campaign Financing" pamphlet and other legislative action guidelines
September 5, 1976 article from the New Orleans Times-Picayune "How the newspaper endorses candidates"
Coalition for Action (October 21, 1978); and *The Courier* (October 23, 1975)
1975 list of churches. 1978 list of bingo games
1979 phone bank instructions
1979 "Dollars and sense of ERA ratification" and ERA political cartoon
Post Day Program and "Ways and Means Handbook"
1979 ERA United of Louisiana newsletter (February), and "Resolutions Submitted by Resolutions Committee"
1979 letter from Felicia Kahn to the "Commissioner"
1978 newspaper clippings, and pamphlets about various popular issues
1979 newspaper clippings campaign materials for Mary Landrieu
1979 Kahn campaign materials
1979 correspondence to Felicia Kahn from the Women's Campaign Fund
July 1979 newsletters and invitations for Kahn's campaign party
1979 press release regarding Kahn's decision to seek reelection as member of the Democratic State Central Committee
1979 other candidate's campaign materials
1979 correspondence from Victor Bussie, President of Louisiana AFL-CIO; and phone bank script for the Elizabeth Rack school board candidate
1979 phone polls
1979 polling places
1979 Kahn campaign flyers

1979 correspondence from the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee; "A Voter's Guide to the Nov. 10 Primary" from Nov. 7, 1973 *Figaro*; and "Political groups endorsements listed" from Sept. 12, 1978 *The States-Item*

1979 name lists; campaign speech

district maps

1979 stationary selection information

1979 Sandra S. Thompson campaign

1979 ordinance from the City of New Orleans

1979 information on other women candidates and their supporters

1978 Campaign finance legislation; and the "Going Places" project

political advertising products

May 11, 1979 fundraising letter and envelope.

1979 Women's Campaign Fund newsletter: May 16, 1979 and August 9, 1979

Women's Campaign Fund letters from Pam Fleishchaker. *The Louisiana Realtor newsletter*, June/July 1979 August 9, 1979 letter to Evelyn Blackmon. June 29, 1979 letter to WCF with Felicia's candidate information.

League of Women Voters information - March 1966 Conference on Financing State Government information, July 3, 1967 "Time for Action" newsletter, June 1969, "Facts" pamphlet, 1970 - 1972 National Program - "Study and Action" poster.

League of Women Voters New Orleans information - January 19, 1971 Emergency School Assistance Program's Advisory Committee list, July-August 1971 League Essentials, Thursday, April 13, 1972 Annual Meeting guide; Thursday, April 26, 1973 Annual Meeting guide. List of phone numbers and addresses.

League of Women Voters information - 1969 - 1971 State Program Positions pamphlet, March 17 - 18, 1971 Land, Water, People of Louisiana Seminar pamphlet, 1971 - 1972 Legislative newsletters, "Study and Action" pamphlet, April 3 - 5, 1973 convention pamphlet - "Gateway to Tomorrow".

Law suite pamphlet, with note: "property tax suite to equalize assessments in Louisiana-I think the LWV went in as ... of court"

1962 - 1968 city finance publications and information. June 1968 *Esquire* magazine "Somebody has New Orleans by the Throat" (cover title).

1966 - 1968 economic opportunities - newsletters, pamphlets, newspaper articles, etc.

1971 - Statement on Orleans Parish School Desegregation by LWV of New Orleans to Mondale Committee.

1969 water issue information from the League of Women Voters.

1968 - 1970 League of Women Voters of the United States - speeches, reorganization information, 50th anniversary report.

Regional planning and metropolitan development and government information.

1971 Archdiocese of New Orleans Social Apostate Program information.

1971 Recreation in New Orleans information.

1955 - 1971 property tax information.

League of Women Voters celebrates 50 years, LWV of New Orleans celebrates 25 years - 1968 -1969 - newspaper articles, newsletters, etc.

1970 welfare and problems of poverty information - pamphlets, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, etc.
1970 The League of Women Voters of New Orleans newsletters,; legislative voting record;
1968 League of Women Voters reports of legislative interviews; "State Program Positions;" "New Approaches to State and Local Governments"
1967 "Municipal Finance" publication; and Public Administration Service
1967-1968 Overseas Education Fund of the League of Women Voters
1968 pamphlets regarding voter registration; and "1967-1968 Program Material, Know your State Government: The Louisiana Legislature"
1968 urban renewal issues
1969 League of Women Voters foreign policy issues
1971 correspondences to and from Felicia Kahn
1971 campaign expenses and thank you notes
1971 Louisiana qualifying form; unofficial 1971 calendar of the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee
1971 letter asking support for Kahn's candidacy for the Democratic State Central Committee
1971 newspaper clippings regarding elections
1970 Commissioners, Clerks, and Watchers, General Election – April 7, 1970
1971 campaign materials for the Democratic State Central Committee election
1972 thank you note after winning 1971 election
1971 sample ballots and campaign materials
1971 American Association of University Women name lists; newspaper clippings
1971 photograph of Felicia Kahn
"1977 Louisiana Women's Conference" final report
photograph and caption of women volunteering for jury duty, from the *Times-Picayune*, Feb. 17, 1951

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ERA penny plaque from the Ohio Coalition of Women in Support of the ERA with "Women in the Workforce" facts on the back
ERA pins (2 different styles), necklace, and pair of earrings. Louisiana Women's Political Caucus "Never Again Silence" ERA (July 3, 1982) tokens (6)
"Headquarters" banners (2)
Louisiana Officials 1978 Roster – "note how few women in 1978 in New Orleans and rest of state" (note from Felicia Kahn)
Index cards file box – Supporters in 1975 Campaign
Index card file box – "People in and out of the 1979 campaign – "names to remember and people to keep in touch with – many known, but some unknown" (note from Felicia Kahn)
Index card file box – "People to be aware of, some in the campaign 1979" (note from Felicia Kahn)

Index card file box – “Voter identification cards brought...from registrar’s office 1979”
(note from Felicia Kahn)
September 1979 wall calendar with campaign activities
October 1979 wall calendar with campaign activities

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1974 Resume
Kahn election posters
typesetting
district maps, 1975, 1979
press release; July 30, 1979
election questionnaires
registered voters, 1979
air pollution
class action suite to close Public Grain Elevator, 1975
materials now in Mary Gehman’s Files