

A Guide to the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Scrapbooks, 1953-1969

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Abstract
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Creator
League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

Extent
1.0 linear feet

Repository
Fairfax County Public Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions
None

Use Restrictions
Consult repository for information

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Unknown

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None

Historical and Biographical Information

The League of Women Voters was formed in 1920, six months before the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area originally formed in 1946. Its first president, Jane Wellemeyer, organized members to compare county voters' register lists with poll tax lists and sent notice cards to everyone not registered. In 1947, the second president, Mrs. Lee Park, drew up the county's first official voting precinct map, in which she had to constantly refer to the old court order books for accuracy. Today, The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is one of the 11 local Virginia Leagues that are part of the national nonpartisan political organization known as the League of Women Voters of the United States. The League, a membership organization comprised of volunteers, encourages informed and active participation in government by 1) presenting unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues and 2) advocating for or against particular policies in the public interest.

Scope and Content

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Index Terms

Citizens' associations--Virginia--Fairfax

Fairfax County Public Schools -- Redistricting

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

Political participation--Virginia--Fairfax

Container List

Box 1 Folder 1: Scrapbook, September 1955-January 1958, 1955-1958

Box 1 Folder 2: Scrapbook, March 1959-March 1960, 1959-1960

Box 2 Folder 1: Scrapbook, March 24, 1962-May 1963, 1962-1963

Box 2 Folder 2: Brochure. "A Guide to Fairfax County Government" by League of Women Voters, 1953, 1953

Box 2 Folder 3: Brochure. "A Guide to Fairfax County Government" by League of Women Voters, 1959, 1959

Box 2 Folder 4: Loose Newspaper Clippings, 1969, 1969

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