

## Guide to the Renee Diamond Papers

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Diamond, Renee, 1937-   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Renee Diamond Papers  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | MS-00377  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1972-2000   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 8.92 Cubic Feet (20 boxes)  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 8.08 Linear Feet  |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | The Renee Diamond Papers date from 1972 to 2000 and consist primarily of political and professional materials including reports, correspondence, publications, newsletters, and planning documents collected by Diamond throughout her career. Diamond supported the feminist movement as a member of the National Organization for Women and held leadership roles in the Democratic party in Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection also documents Diamond's campaigns for the Nevada State Assembly and includes material from her one term in the legislature. |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Since moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1972, Renee Diamond has worked for women's and children's rights and has been a supporter of the Democratic Party. She was born on June 19, 1937 in Chicago, Illinois, and was an only child. Her family moved to Los Angeles, California in 1942. She married at the age of sixteen and had two daughters, and later divorced her husband and worked at a doctor's office to support herself and her daughters.

Diamond was active in the Democratic party in Los Angeles and also joined the local chapter of Women Strike for Peace to protest nuclear testing. She married Leo Diamond, a record store owner, and they had twins. After he sold his business, the family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. Soon after their arrival, Renee

became actively involved in the local democratic party. She also joined Operation Life, to support the welfare rights movement in West Las Vegas. She worked on Maya Miller's campaign for the United States Senate in 1974. In 1976, Diamond was head of the Carter/Mondale campaign's 51.3 effort in Nevada to reach women voters.

In the 1970s, she actively participated in the women's movement as a member of the National Organization for Women (NOW). She helped plan the NOW Western Regional Conference in Las Vegas in 1974. Diamond also served on the planning committee for and attended the International Women's Year conference in Houston, Texas in 1977. She worked with Nevadans for the ERA to encourage passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in the state.

In 1986, Diamond sought her first political office and ran for the Nevada State Assembly. She lost the election, but ran again for the seat in 1988 and won. She served in the 1989 Assembly, but lost her bid for reelection in 1990. She later worked in Representative James Bilbray's Las Vegas office. She also worked for the state of Nevada as an administrator for the Division of Manufactured Housing.

Source:

Renee Diamond, "Women in Nevada History," accessed March 01, 2019, <https://womennvhistory.com/portfolio/renee-diamond/>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Renee Diamond Papers date from 1972 to 2000 and consist primarily of political and professional materials including reports, correspondence, publications, newsletters, and planning documents collected by Diamond throughout her career. Diamond supported the feminist movement as a member of the National Organization for Women and the collection contains planning documents and reports from the National Women's Conference in 1977. It also includes NOW newsletters from Las Vegas, Nevada and materials supporting the Equal Rights Amendment. Diamond held several leadership roles in the Democratic party in Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection also documents Diamond's campaigns for the Nevada State Assembly and includes material from service in the 1989 legislative session. The Renee Diamond Papers document the activities of the women's movement in the 1970s as well as the activities and positions of the Democratic party in Nevada.

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged by topic.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2065.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1996 and 2002 by Renee Diamond; accession numbers 1996-18 and 2002-32.

### Processing Note

Materials were processed by Kelli Brockschmidt in 2008. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently Lindsay Oden entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Diamond, Renee. Interview, 1997 November 17. OH-03231. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Diamond, Renee. Interview, 2014 November 20. F850.J5 D52 2014. Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Women -- Political activity
  - Political candidates -- Nevada
  - Equal rights amendments -- United States
  - Women's rights -- Nevada
  - Feminism -- Nevada
  - Democratic Party
  - National Organization of Women (NOW)
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## Collection Inventory

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| Personal papers  |                  |
| Certificates and awards, 1975-1996   | box 01           |
| Correspondence, 1980-1990  | box 01           |
| Resumes and biographies, undated   | box 01           |
| Bumper stickers and pins, undated  | box 01           |
| Travel information and brochures, undated  | box 01           |
| Photographs of political events, undated   | box 01           |
| Newspaper and magazine clippings, political and professional, 1974-1998<br>Physical Description: 8 Files   | box 01           |
| Correspondence, political and professional, 1974-1996<br>Physical Description: 2 Files   | box 02           |
| Correspondence about assistance for social security benefits, 1994<br><br>Restriction: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2069. | box 20           |
| 1986 Campaign for Assembly District 42, 1986<br>Physical Description: 6 Files  | box 02<br>box 03 |
| Diamond '86 t-shirt, 1986  | box 18           |
| Correspondence and newspaper clippings about Clark County commission appointment to vacant Nevada State Senate seat, 1986 November   | box 03           |
| 1988 Campaign for Assembly District 42, 1988   |                  |

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| Polling data and demographic reports, 1986-1990   | box 04 |
| Campaign fliers and promotional items, undated  | box 04 |
| Campaign bank statements, 1987-1990   | box 20 |
| Restricted: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2065. |        |
| Assembly Materials, 65th Session  |        |
| Handbook, 1989  | box 04 |
| Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, State of Nevada, 1989  | box 04 |
| Legislative Action on State Issues: The 1989 Nevada Legislature in Retrospect, Legislative Counsel Bureau, 1989 July 14                   | box 05 |
| Legislative Roll Call Record, 1989 Regular Session, 1989 August   | box 05 |
| Summary of Legislation, 65th Session, Legislative Counsel Bureau, 1989  | box 05 |
| Legislative Manual, 1989  | box 05 |
| Legislative Appropriations Report, 1989 September 22  | box 05 |
| Domestic violence education, 1988-1989  | box 06 |
| Mobile home commission, 1989  | box 06 |
| Nevada tax information, 1989  | box 06 |
| Pro-choice and abortion legislation and correspondence, 1989-1990   | box 06 |
| Contract bond bill request for 1991 session, 1990   | box 06 |
| National Directory of Women Elected Officials, National Woman's Political Caucus, 1989  | box 06 |
| State of Nevada Department of Taxation Annual Report, 1989 December 05  | box 06 |
| State Treasury Money Count, State of Nevada, 1989   | box 06 |
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| ACR 15: Reapportionment subcommittee: reports, correspondence, and research, 1990   | box 10 |
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| SCR 52: Study of the Youth Services Division and Juvenile Justice System in Nevada: reports, correspondence, and research, 1990 | box 10 |
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| Nevada civic and political materials  |        |
| AARP Voter's Guide: Nevada, 1994  | box 11 |
| Child support education and correspondence, 1991-1993   | box 11 |
| Choices Challenges: Governor's Conference for Women, Nevada Public Affairs Review, 1989   | box 11 |
| Clark County Child Custody Division Progress Report, Clark County, 1989 November 16   | box 11 |
| Democrats, Delegates, and Politics in Nevada, Joseph Crowley, 1976  | box 11 |
| Domestic Violence Task Force, minutes, 1993-1994  | box 11 |
| Downtown Progress Association, correspondence, 1992 August 13   | box 11 |
| The Equal Rights Amendment, Equality Now, Reno, 1978 June   | box 11 |
| Focus on Nevada's Women, Junior Leagues of Las Vegas and Reno, 1988   | box 11 |
| Hadassah 5751-5752, Las Vegas chapter, calendar, 1990   | box 11 |
| Nevada Business Plan for Education, 1990 July   | box 11 |
| Nevada Campaign Training Workshop, undated  | box 11 |



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| Nevada Legislative Almanac, Jean Ford, Mary Forrester, and Maureen Lyons McKissick, 1983    | box 12 |
| Nevada Legislative Almanac, Mary Forrester and Michael Lamont, 1987                         | box 12 |
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| Nevada State Board of Nursing newsletter, 1990 August 21                                    | box 12 |
| Nevada State Museum newsletter, 1993 May  | box 12 |
| Nevada Tax Facts, Nevada Taxpayer Association, 1987 October                                 | box 12 |
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| Nevada Women, poster, 1989  | box 12 |
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| Nevada chapter of Women's Lobby, planning documents, 1975                                   | box 12 |
| Nevadans for Better Government, correspondence and minutes, 1982                            | box 12 |
| Personal Health Choices, State of Nevada Division of Health Resources and Cost Review, 1988 | box 12 |
| Public Forum on Women's Rights and Responsibilities, Las Vegas, 1978 October 06             | box 12 |
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| St. Judes Ranch for Children, Nite of Stars program, 1989 December 08                       | box 12 |
| St. Judes Ranch for Children board, by-laws and financial documents, undated, 1991          | box 12 |
| Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force, correspondence and information, 1992-1994     | box 12 |
| Southern Nevada Women's Political Caucus, membership roster, 1992                           | box 12 |
| STAR Auxiliary, fundraiser for Helen J. Stewart school, program, 1990 June 02               | box 12 |
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| Family Violence: Improving Court Practice, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 1990          | box 14 |
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| Working Women, Department of Labor, 1997   | box 15 |

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| National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year (IWY)  |        |
| To Form a More Perfect Union: Report of the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, 1976  | box 15 |
| Manual for State and Territorial IWY Coordinating Committees, 1976   | box 15 |
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