

## **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
<b>Title:</b>	Renee Diamond Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00377
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1972-2000
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7.4 Linear Feet (8 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Renee Diamond Papers consist of material relating to Renee Diamond's political career and social justice activism from 1972 to 2000. The collection includes campaign documents, correspondence, news articles, and ephemera from her campaigns for Nevada State Assembly, the Equal Rights Amendment, National Organization for Women, and personal files that relate to her career and associated organizations.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Political activist Renee Diamond was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1937 and educated at the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1972, she remarried and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Diamond joined the welfare-rights group, Operation Life, and aided them into becoming an economic development organization. She was also an active member in the National Organization for Women (NOW) and worked in the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) campaign and the Campaign for Choice, in addition to serving as co-chair of the Nevada Women's Conference in 1977. She also served on several political campaigns, including the Presidential campaigns of Jimmy Carter, Walter Mondale, and Bill Clinton.

In 1979, Diamond was appointed by United States Senator Howard W. Cannon as the Field Manager for the 1980 Census. Diamond also served as a board member for the Nevada State Board of Museums and History from 1984 to 1989 and sat on the Council of State Governments in 1989. Diamond was active in many organizations throughout her life including St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Focus Youth Services, Domestic

Violence Task Force, Clark County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Jewish Federation Community Relations Committee, National Organization for Women, and she founded the Nevada Women's Fund and helped charter the University Library Society.

In 1988, Diamond was elected to the Nevada State Assembly and served one term. She was active in the interim committees on reappointment and teen pregnancy. Her committee assignments also extended to the judiciary, health and welfare, natural resources, mining, and elections. After the completion of her term in 1991, Diamond worked as the District Director for United States Congressman James H. Bilbray in Las Vegas.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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The materials are arranged into five series: Series I. Nevada Assembly Campaign and Term in Office (1976-1994); Series II. Political Campaigns (1972-1996); Series III. Organizations (1972-2000); Series IV. Events (1973-1996); Series V. Personal (1972-1996)

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

The collection is open for research.

## Publication Rights

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1996 by Renee Diamond; accession number 1996-018. Additions were made in 1998 and 2002; accession number 2002-032).

## 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.

## Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Lindsay Oden to bring it into compliance with DACS. July 2014

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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

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## Collection Inventory

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### Nevada Assembly Campaigns and Term in Office, 1976-1996

Physical Description: 4 Linear Feet (4 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials cover Renee Diamond's campaigns for Nevada State Assembly from 1986 to 1992 and her term in office in 1989 as well as political documents from 1976 to 1996. Materials include campaign documents from 1986, 1988, and 1990, bills, committees, correspondence, positions on issues, newspaper and magazine articles, and other publications.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers
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Campaign documents, 1986	
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	box 01	folder 01-03
Campaign documents, 1988	box 01	folder 04-05
Campaign documents, 1990	box 01	folder 06
Correspondence, 1986	box 01	folder 07
Correspondence, 1988	box 01	folder 08
Correspondence, 1990	box 01	folder 09-10
Financial, 1990	box 01	folder 11
Talent bank, 1976-1977	box 01	folder 12
Voting information: polls, demographics, and reports, 1988-1992	box 01	folder 13-14
Bills: apartment, 1989	box 02	folder 01
Bills: contractor bonds, 1990	box 02	folder 02
Bills: mammogram, 1989	box 02	folder 03
Boards and Committees		
Governor's Conference on Women's Issues for Action Committee, 1989	box 02	folder 04
Mobile Home Commission, 1989	box 02	folder 05
Physical Therapy Board, 1989	box 02	folder 06
Reappointment Subcommittee, 1990	box 02	folder 07
Correspondence, 1988-1989	box 02	folder 08
Financial: budget and tax information, 1988-1989	box 02	folder 09
Issues		
Child support, 1991-1993	box 02	folder 10-11
Domestic violence, 1989-1994	box 02	folder 12-13
Maps, 1989	box 02	folder 14
Pro Bono legal work, 1989	box 02	folder 15
Questionnaires and surveys, 1986-1990	box 02	folder 16
Surrogate parenting and pro-choice, 1988-1989	box 02	folder 17-18
Teen pregnancy, 1990	box 03	folder 01-05
Newspaper clippings		

Assorted, 1986-1990	box 04	folder 01
Clippings, 1986	box 04	folder 02
Clippings, 1988	box 04	folder 03
Clippings, 1989	box 04	folder 04
Clippings, 1990	box 04	folder 05
Pamphlets and flyers, 1989-1990	box 04	folder 06
Publications and handbooks		
Assembly Handbook, 1989	box 04	folder 07
Assembly Research Report, 1990	box 04	folder 08
Congressional Laws, 1977-1989	box 04	folder 09
Nevada Financial Report, 1989	box 04	folder 10
Issues Reports, 1987-1990	box 04	folder 11
National Women's Directory, 1989	box 04	folder 12
Nevada Legislative Manual, 1989	box 04	folder 13
Nevada Legislature: retrospective, 1990	box 04	folder 14
Nevada Legislature: roll call record and summary of bills, 1990	box 04	folder 15
Nevada Legislative Almanac, annual report, and appropriations report, 1983-1990	box 04	folder 16

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## Political Campaigns, 1972-1996

Physical Description: 3 Linear Feet (3 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials document the political campaigns that Renee Diamond worked on from 1974 to 1996. The materials include United States presidential campaigns for Jimmy Carter, Walter Mondale, and Bill Clinton; Equal Rights Amendment work; issue campaigns like abortion, prostitution, marriage, and welfare; and work on other politicians' campaigns such as Maya Miller, Dennis Meyers, and Elaine Miller.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Pharmaceutical issues, 1989	box 05	folder 01-02
Physical Description: 02 Audio Cassettes		
Bill Clinton and Al Gore: Democratic National Convention, 1996	box 05	folder 03-04
Bill Clinton and Al Gore: publications, 1996	box 05	folder 05
Dennis Myers for Nevada State Senate, 1976	box 05	folder 06
Elaine Mills for Regent, 1974		

	box 05	folder 07
Jimmy Carter, 1976	box 05	folder 08-09
Marvin Sedway, 1990	box 05	folder 10
Maya Miller for United States Senate, 1974	box 05	folder 11
Nevadans for Mondale, 1984	box 05	folder 12
Equal Rights Amendment		
Information and public education, 1972	box 05	folder 13-16
Correspondence, 1974	box 06	folder 01
Ephemera, undated	box 06	folder 02
General information, 1974-1978	box 06	folder 03
Family violence, 1990	box 06	folder 04
National Women's Conference, 1978	box 06	folder 05
Newspaper clippings		
Assorted, 1975-1998	box 06	folder 06
Daily Breakthrough, 1977	box 06	folder 07
The Furies: Lesbian Feminist Monthly, 1972	box 06	folder 08
The Lesbian Tide, 1977	box 06	folder 09
Off Our Backs, 1973	box 06	folder 10
Sister: West Coast Feminist Newspaper, 1974	box 06	folder 11
Pamphlets and flyers, 1973	box 06	folder 12
Publications, 1976-1978	box 06	folder 13
Women's publications, 1978-1994	box 06	folder 14
Issues		
Abortion, 1977-1990	box 06	folder 15
Children and families, 1989	box 06	folder 16
Family dissolution, 1990	box 06	folder 17
Nevada State Board of Nursing, 1989	box 06	folder 18
Prostitution, 1973	box 06	folder 19
Marriage, undated	box 06	folder 20
Rape, 1974	box 06	folder 21
Sexual child abuse, undated	box 06	folder 22

Welfare, 1977-1996	box 06	folder 23
Working women, 1997	box 06	folder 24

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## Organizations, 1972-2000

Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet (2 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials document Renee Diamond's involvement with advocacy organizations from 1972 to 2000. The organizations include the American Association of Retired Persons, American Jewish Committee, Center for the American Woman and Politics, Democratic Leadership Council, Democratic National Committee, National Gay Task Force, Nevada State Museum, Southern Nevada Women's Political Caucus, and Women's Democratic Club of Clark County.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
American Association of Retired Persons, 1994	box 06	folder 25
Americans for Democratic Action, 1976	box 06	folder 26
American Jewish Committee, 1996	box 06	folder 27
Center for the American Woman in Politics, 1989-1992	box 06	folder 28-29
Center for the American Woman in Politics: factsheet, 1991	box 07	folder 01
Center for the American Woman in Politics: news, 1993	box 07	folder 02
Coalition for Grassroots Women, undated	box 07	folder 03
Domestic Violence Task Force, 1992	box 07	folder 04
Democratic Leadership Council, 1992	box 07	folder 05
Democratic National Committee, 1975-1984	box 07	folder 06
National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, 1977	box 07	folder 07-08
National Gay Task Force, 1977	box 07	folder 09
National Organization for Women		
National Organization for Women: information, 1973-1977	box 07	folder 10-11
National Organization for Women: ephemera, 1972	box 07	folder 12
National Organization for Women: newsletter, 1972	box 07	folder 13
National Student Coalition Against Racism, undated	box 07	folder 14
Nevadans for Better Government, 1982	box 07	folder 15
Nevada State Museum, 1993	box 07	folder 16

Nevada Women's Fund, 1982	box 07	folder 17
Paradise Democratic Club of Las Vegas, 2000	box 07	folder 18
Saint Jude's Ranch, 1991	box 07	folder 19
Safekey, 1989	box 07	folder 20
Southern Nevada Women's Political Caucus, undated	box 07	folder 21
State of Nevada Employees Association, 1989	box 07	folder 22
Women Acting Together to Combat Harassment, undated	box 07	folder 23
Women's Democratic Club of Clark County, 1978	box 07	folder 24
Women's Lobby, 1974-1975	box 07	folder 25

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## Events, 1973-1996

Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials document the events attended by Renee Diamond from 1973 to 1996, including the Clark County Democratic Convention, the Democratic National Convention, the National Organization for Women Western Regional Conference, and the White House Conference on Families.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Containers</b>	
Clark County Democratic Convention, 1994	box 07	folder 26
Democratic Party of Nevada Biennial Convention, 1986	box 07	folder 27
Democratic National Convention, 1980	box 07	folder 28-29
National Women's Political Caucus, 1974	box 07	folder 30
National Women's Conference, 1977	box 07	folder 31
National Organization for Women: Western Regional Conference, 1973	box 07	folder 32
Nevada State Democratic Convention, 1996	box 07	folder 33
Nevada Women's Conference, 1977	box 07	folder 34
Nite of Stars, 1989	box 07	folder 35
Starlite Party, 1990	box 07	folder 36
Western Regional Conference, 1973	box 07	folder 37
White House Conference on Families, 1980	box 07	folder 38

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## Personal, 1972-1996

Physical Description: 0.4 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: Materials contain Renee Diamond's personal records, including awards, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Awards and certificates, 1975-1989	box 08	folder 01
Correspondence, 1974-1993	box 08	folder 02-03
Ephemera, undated	box 08	folder 04
Hadassah, 1991	box 08	folder 05
Newspaper articles, 1976-1985	box 08	folder 06
Photographs, 1989	box 08	folder 07
Resume, 1996	box 08	folder 08

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