



Guide to the Urban Chamber of Commerce of Las Vegas, Nevada Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Urban Chamber of Commerce (Las Vegas, Nev.)
Title:	Urban Chamber of Commerce of Las Vegas, Nevada Records
ID:	MS-00791
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1980 to 2009
Physical Description:	3.68 Cubic Feet (8 boxes and 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	5.47 Linear Feet
Abstract:	The Urban Chamber of Commerce of Las Vegas, Nevada Records date from approximately 1980 to 2009 and contains the organizational records of the Urban Chamber of Commerce of Las Vegas, Nevada (UCC), one of the many chambers of commerce in the Las Vegas, Nevada area. The mission of the Urban Chamber of Commerce is to create and foster an environment that promotes development of members and Black-owned businesses. The collection is comprised of publications, financial and administrative records, various event information, and photographs of events and membership.

Preferred Citation

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Organizational History

The Urban Chamber of Commerce (formerly known as the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce) is an "advocate for the creation, growth and general welfare of African American businesses in the Las Vegas community." The Urban Chamber of Commerce actively promotes the expansion of business opportunities on behalf of its members through referrals, partnerships, seminars, technical assistance and marketing. The Chamber focuses on economic and business development, education, conventions, tourism, and special projects. Its main mission is to foster an environment that promotes development of members and Black owned businesses.

The Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce was established July 7, 1980, built upon an idea proposed by Katherine Joseph. Founding president Sarann Knight-Predy led the first Board of Directors that also

included Dr. William "Bob" Bailey, James O. Porter, Reverend Sam Roberson, Lou Conner, Al O'Neal, Ken Brass, Reverend Emanuel Wasson, Ruby Amie-Pilot, and John Gardner. In an effort to better and more broadly serve Southern Nevada, the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce was renamed the Urban Chamber of Commerce in 1997. Past presidents of the Chamber include Harvey Phelps, Dorothe Clark, Sherman Rutledge, and Hannah Brown.

Sources:

"Mission." Urban Chamber of Commerce. Urban Chamber of Commerce, accessed February 11, 2016. <http://www.urbanchamber.org/pages/Mission/>.

Taloma, Cassandra. "Gaming Pioneer, Civil Rights Icon Knight Preddy Dies." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 23 December 2014. <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/gaming-pioneer-civil-rights-icon-knight-preddy-dies>

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by subject.

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Access Note

Collection is open for research. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2015 by Jerrie Merritt; accession 2015-108.

Processing Note

Materials were processed and collection description was created by Hana Gutierrez in 2016. In 2020, Sarah Jones revised the collection description and added two boxes of materials were added to the collection.

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Names and Subjects

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Community organization
- African Americans -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Photographs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce	
Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce 1993 officer banquet application, 1993	box 01
Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce 1995 budget, 1994 to 1995	box 01
Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce correspondence and voting ballots, 1996	box 01

Official termination of Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and opening of Urban Chamber of Commerce documents, 1996 to 1998	box 01
Urban Chamber of Commerce	
Urban Chamber of Commerce tax forms, checks, and correspondence, 1997-1998	box 01
Office Manager correspondence and business license, 1982 to 2000	box 01
Urban Chamber of Commerce first year anniversary expense receipts, 1997	box 01
Urban Chamber of Commerce correspondence and meeting minutes, 1998-2004	box 01
Various correspondence to the Urban Chamber of Commerce, 1999-2009	box 01
<i>Mahogany Page</i> magazine, 1999-2002	box 01
Biographical information on keynote speakers Harry Reid, Shelley Berkley, and Bernie Thompson, approximately 1999 to 2002	box 01
Urban Chamber of Commerce Gaming Venues in the New Millennium conference, 2000	box 01
"Gaming Venues II: A Report on Inclusion and Growth" conference materials, 2000 to 2001	box 01
Event applications for "Gaming Venues II" conference sponsored events, 2001	box 01
"Gaming Venues in the New Millennium" correspondence and timelines, 2000	box 01
Articles from unknown source and various photographs, 2000 to 2009	box 02
Gaming committee member biographies and Urban Chamber of Commerce business cards, 2003	box 02
Ann Gregory Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament applications and photographs, 1999 to 2006	box 02
Board of Directors installation event programs, 1999, 2007	box 02
MGM Mirage Diversity Report publications, 1999 to 2005	box 02
MGM Mirage class action lawsuit documents, 2001	box 02
Urban Chamber of Commerce correspondence with Las Vegas Convention and Visitor Authority,	box 02
Urban Chamber of Commerce membership directory, business guide, and correspondence with government, 2003	box 02
Urban Chamber of Commerce resource guides and business directory, 2004 to 2006	box 02
Urban Chamber of Commerce financial statements, 2001 to 2006	box 02
<i>Urban Expressions</i> newsletters, 1997 to 2006	box 02
Physical Description: 6 Files	box 03
Roadway Technician training, Urban Chamber of Commerce membership application, and public testimony of E. Louis Overstreet, 2004 to 2006	box 03

Urban Chamber of Commerce fliers, press releases, and other public documents, 1999 to 2008	box 03
Urban Chamber of Commerce newsletters: digital files, 2001 to 2003 Physical Description: 32 Floppy Disks	box 05
Newspaper clippings about Urban Chamber of Commerce, local issues, and civil rights, 1997	box 05
Newspaper clippings about Urban Chamber of Commerce, local issues, and civil rights, 1998 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 05
Newspaper clippings about Urban Chamber of Commerce, local issues, and civil rights, 1999 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 05
Newspaper clippings about Urban Chamber of Commerce, local issues, and civil rights, 2000 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 05 box 06
Newspaper clippings about Urban Chamber of Commerce, local issues, and civil rights, 2001 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 06
Newspaper clippings about Urban Chamber of Commerce, local issues, and civil rights, 2002 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 06
Newspaper clippings about Urban Chamber of Commerce, local issues, and civil rights, 2003 to 2004 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 06 box 07
Clippings from UCC bulletin boards, 2004 to 2006 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 07
Photographs	
Headshots of various identified and unidentified individuals, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 04
Urban Chamber of Commerce event photographs and negatives, approximately 1980 to 2009	box 04 box 08
Poster of Omega Psi Phi founders Oscar J. Cooper, Frank Coleman, Edgar A. Love, and Ernest E. Just, undated	flat file 09
Other related organizations	
National Black Chamber of Commerce correspondence and membership award, 1997 to 1999	box 03
National Black Caucus of State Legislators brochures and resolutions, 1999 to 2000	box 03
National Association of Minority Contractors, 2000 to 2004	box 04

North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce documents, 1999 to 2002	box 04
Nevada Minority Purchasing Council, Inc. programs and membership information, 1999 to 2001	box 04
