

Guide to the Marzette Lewis Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Lewis, Marzette, 1940-
Title:	Marzette Lewis Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00372
Date:	2012
Physical Description:	0.01 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder)
Physical Description:	0.01 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Marzette Lewis Photograph Collection is comprised of one color photographic print depicting Marzette Lewis' participation in the 2012 "Fix Our Schools — Yes on Question 2" campaign from 2012.

Preferred Citation

Marzette Lewis Photograph Collection, 2012. PH-00372. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Marzette Lewis was born in 1940 in Quitman, Mississippi. She first visited Las Vegas, Nevada in 1953, and moved to Las Vegas permanently in 1960. Lewis is best known for her educational activism in Nevada. Lewis publicly opposed Clark County School District's lack of attention given to end racial and economic discrimination of students and employees of the district. Lewis coordinated her efforts by creating two organizations, Westside Action Alliance Korps - Uplifting People (W.A.A.K-U.P) and Concerned Citizens. She served as president of both organizations. Lewis was also a member of the Las Vegas branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Board of Directors, a member of the Foster Parents of Southern Nevada Association, and a part of the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission for Clark County (AZAC). Lewis helped create the first magnet elementary school in Las Vegas, Nevada. In the 2012 Nevada state election cycle, ballot question 2 was posed, which aimed to renovate Clark County School District schools through raising property taxes within the state. Nevada voters did not approve the measure.

Source:

The Guinn Center for Policy Priorities. Expanding Financing Options for Nevada's K-12 Facilities . Last modified February 2015. Accessed March 27, 2020. <https://guinncenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Guinn-Center-K-12-Education-Facilities-Policy-FINAL.pdf>.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2013 by Marzette Lewis; accession number 2013-04B.

Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Joseph Puentes wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Marzette Lewis Papers, 1970-2011. MS-00621. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Marzette Lewis oral history interview, 2012 October 30 and 2012 November 14. OH-01113. 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

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Politics and government
- Education
- Photographs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Marzette Lewis holding a "2012 Fix Our Schools — Yes on Question 2" sign: photographic print, 2012 (0372_0001)	folder 01