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About 10 linear feet

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This collection is entirely in English.

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Scope and Content Abstract

This collection documents the work and activities of the Cambridge Civic Association (CCA) between 1940 and the mid-1980s. Records include meeting documentation, correspondence, campaign materials, Plan E documents, records related to issues of concern, and scrapbooks of clippings and correspondence.

Historical Note

The Cambridge Civic Association (CCA) was founded in July 1945. According to the Cambridge Chronicle of July 12, 1945, the CCA was a “political association dedicated to promoting honest and efficient local government through the support of the city manager plan, working for and supporting competency in the office of city manager, working for and improving the school system of the city, and freeing the school system from all influences other than those which will provide the best possible education for the children of Cambridge, and seeking and supporting the candidacy of competent men and women in public office.” Its founding officers included George A. McLaughlin (president), Frank P. Scully (vice-president), Arthur G. MacKenzie (treasurer), Mrs. William Minot (clerk). [This information was retrieved from <http://www.rwinters.com/CCA/CCAorigin.htm> on February 9, 2009.] Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the CCA acquired a reputation for favoring rent control, especially when deciding whether or not to endorse candidates seeking seats on City Council and the School Committee. In general, throughout its last 25 years, it was criticized for caring more about political campaigns than civic affairs.

Arrangement in chronological order and series are listed alphabetically.

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| Box #1 | 1940-1957 |
| Box #2 | 1957-1963 |
| Box #3 | 1964-1969 |
| Box #4 | 1970-1975 |
| Box #5 | 1976-1991 and the following series:
Anniversaries
Affirmative Action Liaison Committee
Apartment buildings & dorms
Background materials
Budgets
“Cambridge: A Great Place to Return Home to”
CCA Election Commission
Civic Bulletin
Citizens Plan E Association [precursor of CCA]
Platforms |
| Box #6 | Scrapbooks
1945 Scrapbook
1946 Scrapbook (clippings)
Clippings (April, May, June 1948) |

4 Photo Albums (numbered)

Box #7 Scrapbooks
 1936 Scrapbook of news clippings
 1953 Scrapbook of correspondence
 1955 Scrapbook #1
 1955 Scrapbook #2
 1957 Scrapbook #1
 1957 Scrapbook #2

Box#8 Scrapbooks
 1959 Scrapbook¹
 1961 Scrapbook #1
 1961 Scrapbook #2

Box #9 Scrapbook
 1963 Scrapbook
