

Inventory and Finding Aid for Election Records, City of Nashua, NH, 1885 - 2008

Introduction.

Nashua, New Hampshire, was incorporated as a city in 1853. Prior to that, it had been organized as a township under various names (Nashua, Nashville, Dunstable, NH and Dunstable, MA) dating from 1673.

This collection of election records was initially organized by C. Christopher Pratt under the direction of Nashua City Clerk Paul Bergeron during February and March 2004.

The section of records chosen for the initial project were election records from 1977 through 2002. Prior to 1977, the results of the elections were noted in the City Reports and the Board of Alderman Minutes, but much of the paper items generated by the election process were not saved or known to be available.¹ The initial body of material was contained in approximately 8 linear feet of three-ring binders as well as some loose file folders. Financial disclosure forms required of Nashua officials and some miscellaneous documents regarding election administration were also included in the project.

Some election materials, dated prior to 1977 and after 2002, have been added to this series since the initial project. The collection now covers the period beginning in 1885 and ending in 2008.

While the holdings are a matter of public record, access will be granted under the supervision of the City Clerk's office. Records may be copied for scholarly or personal use at the researcher's expense. Any use for publication of the information in the collection must contain a citation listing the City of Nashua as the owner of the materials. The suggested citation to these records is "Election Records of the City of Nashua, New Hampshire."

Scope and Content Notes.

Most of the City Clerk's election records since 1977 had been preserved in binders kept in a vault. The purpose of this project was to take a portion of the City Clerk's records and organize them into an archival collection that would be properly foldered, boxed, and listed in a finding aid. It is intended that the experience gained from this project will serve as a guide for future archives projects involving not only the City Clerk's records but other departments as well.

¹ Since completion of the original project, additional election materials have been identified by the City Clerk and added to this collection.

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Since the ultimate intention is to bring together all available records of the City into an archives, this finding aid is organized as if each city department forms a records group, and within each department there will be a series for each function. For this project, the City Clerk's Office represents the records group, and the election information will form the series.

The records for each election are not consistent and some elections are entirely absent. Items found throughout the collection include sample ballots, return of votes (both city-wide and by wards), information packages for candidates and election workers, absentee ballot reports, registration reports, party change reports, and correspondence. The latter category can reflect both simple notes, letters to officials and petitioners, and items related to court cases. Newspaper clippings have been retained to provide some background information regarding specific instances in the city's history. The financial disclosure folders are arranged by candidate and contain both funds raised and funds expended. It should also be noted that there are two requirements for disclosure. The first is what is raised during the campaign season, and the second is what it is raised by incumbents. The latter is an annual report, which has been kept separate from the others even though they involve many of the same people.

Elections have been held at least once a year. The State primary and general elections are held every two years and the New Hampshire Primary and Federal elections are held every four years on the even numbered year. Local elections occur every two years on the odd numbered year. Members of the Board of Aldermen who represent each ward are elected every two years. At-large members of the Board of Aldermen are elected for four-year terms, but the seats are staggered so at least 3 seats are running every two years. From 1975 until 2003, the City Charter required that the quadrennial election for mayor be won with a majority of votes cast. This usually required a runoff election between the top two vote getters. In the 2003 election, the City began a mayoral primary in September with the winners facing each other in the November election. Finally, Nashua is the only municipality in New Hampshire that permits both voter initiated referenda and recalls of public officials.² Both are documented in this collection including the 1998-1999 recall of Mayor Donald Davidson and the 1991 and 1993 referenda regarding spending limits. In these types of elections, the correspondence files often contain legal opinions and court rulings.

Series Description.

The elections series, originally organized into 17 six-inch archival boxes, now extends to 26 six-inch archival boxes. **Records specific to municipal and state elections** are arranged chronologically, beginning at **Box 1**. Some elections are missing and others do not contain complete records. In some cases, there was so much material that records did not fit in one box. To aid the researcher, the specific election dates are in bold type in the finding aid; and there is a space indicating where one box stops and other begins. Thus, a complete search of a specific election may involve more than one box.

Effective June 21, 2003, only "candidates whose names appear on the ballot and persons bearing notarized requests or copies of notarized requests from candidates whose names appear on the ballot may obtain copies of... (absentee ballot request) lists; the lists shall not be available for public inspection at any time without a court order"

² The City of Nashua's charter provision authorizing recall elections was invalidated by Hillsborough County Superior Court in 2006.

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(RSA 657:15). As such, the City Clerk removed these confidential reports from the original, 2004 arrangement. The series of **Absentee Ballot Reports** begins at **Box 601**, Folder 1. These files will be made available to qualified individuals upon request.

Based on experience gained from researcher use, the City Clerk also pulled **Financial Disclosure Form** files from the original arrangement and consolidated these records into a chronological arrangement, beginning at **Box 201**. The records are incomplete until 1991. The specific election is highlighted, and candidates (and/or their political committees) are arranged alphabetically by last name, which reflects the organization in the original binders. Records of organizations such as the "Keep the Cap Committee" or the "Ban the Bridge Committee" are listed separately. Incumbent office holder statements for both the election year and the following year are listed separately; again reflecting the original organizational scheme. Some years also carry a folder containing the instructions to the candidates on how to use the disclosure form.

A series of **General Election-related Items** begin at **Box 401**, Folder 1. These include redistricting information; legal opinions; vendor information; materials related to barriers to voting; information published by national special interest groups; HAVA reports and information; and election materials of general interest or pertaining to other voting jurisdictions. Box 401, beginning at Folder 1, contains materials regarding the redistricting of 1992 and 2002. Materials related to the Help America Vote Act of 2002 begin at Box 402, Folder 20.

After pulling folders from the original arrangement in order to organize the 201, 401 and 601 sub-series - and upon the identification of additional election materials dated prior to 1977, the beginning date for the records contained in the initial project - the City Clerk re-numbered boxes and folders to re-establish a chronological order for the materials and to eliminate gaps in folder numbering created by the removal of confidential, and other, materials from the project's initial arrangement.

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Special Notes.

Each election usually has instructions for election workers, which have varied greatly over the years as new laws, requirements, and technologies have been introduced.

Each election usually contains a file of sample ballots for the specific election, which lists all of the candidates.

Oversized materials:

The 1885 - 1927 box (Inspectors of Election - Board of Registrars - Return of Votes) includes returns and warrants for a number of the municipality's early elections, including a 1912 Warrant "to bring in their votes for four Presidential Electors"; Ward 4 returns for the Progressive and Socialist parties in 1914 election; a Notice to Voters relative to the 1920 Presidential Primary; a 1921 Instructions to Voters which states, in part, "If others are waiting to vote, you cannot occupy a booth more than 5 minutes or remain within the guard rail more than 10 minutes"; the Ward 4 returns for the 1924 Presidential Primary; and copies of the General Provisions to Insure the Purity of Elections. Much of the material is from Ward 4.

The 1890 - 1912 and 1914 box includes the records from Samuel Dearborn's 1914 Poll Book with the names and addresses of voters who paid a \$2.00 tax, and the dates on which those taxes were paid.

The 1928 - 1937 box (Inspectors of Election - Board of Registrars - Return of Votes) includes various Warrants, Returns, and Notices to Voters. An October 1930 Warrant includes the question "Do you approve of giving the General Court power to provide for voting by absentees at biennial elections?" The box also includes Jurors' Instructions of an unknown date (inserted with 1937 records] relative to preparation of juror lists.

Board of Inspectors Volume 1914 - 1920 includes separate page entries for "Female" voters.

Box 1 Folder 8 contains product information, bid specifications, and contract for the 1971 purchase of Automatic Voting Machines (AVM, Sequoia Pacific Systems Corporation), a/k/a lever voting machines. Undated product information has been filed in this folder, though some material may have been acquired by the City Clerk's Office at other times. The City purchased Handicap Accessible Voting Machines in 1980 and acquired additional replacement machines in 1993. These machines were used until they were replaced with Accu-Vote machinery (which uses scanning technology instead of mechanical counting) in 1996. Sample ballots for both technologies will be found under specific elections.

Box 1 Folder 16 contains materials related to the efforts to succeed Mayor Sullivan from 1975 to 1977. It is a combination of Board of Alderman Minutes and court cases surrounding the event.

Box 1 Folder 23 contains a Ballot Law Commission ruling relative to five-counts of alleged election law violations in Ward 9, in the City of Nashua, on November 8, 1977. The Commission's ruling stated, in part, "...the testimony in this case made it clear that

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election day at Ward 9 was one filled with confusion, acrimony and needless difficulty. Additionally, several election statutes and regulations were violated...There was no evidence of fraud or corruption...There was, however, a clear undercurrent of personal and political animosity...which jeopardized the very election process.”

Box 2 Folder 3 contains the court case brought by Lyndon LaRouche against a number of municipalities including Nashua in the Presidential Primary of 1980. At issue was the claim by LaRouche supporters that, since lever election machines could be rigged in advance, voters ought to apply for paper absentee ballots. This was contrary to New Hampshire law governing such ballots.

Box 5 Folder 18 contains information on the Accu-vote system, which is currently used by the City.

Box 5 Folders 25 - 27 and Box 6 Folder 38 discuss a number of issues surrounding the gathering of signatures for petitions. Included is correspondence and legal opinions and court cases that attempt to define the term “qualified” voter versus a “registered” voter. This helped determine which petition signatures would be accepted.

Efforts to bring voter education into the grade schools are just beginning in Nashua. Box 10 Folder 8 contains a series of thank you notes from a fourth grade class which saw a demonstration by the City Clerk of how an election is set up and held a mock election.

Box 10 Folder 20 contains information regarding a Nashua election in which a court was asked to decide if a municipality could issue a two sided ballot.

Box 11 Folder 24, Correspondence, includes a joint memo from the Secretary of State and the Attorney General relative to “Proof of Domicile for purposes of registering to vote.”

Box 16 Folder 16, Sample Ballots - September 12, 2006. The State of New Hampshire reprinted ballots in four Wards for the state election: “Vote for four” State Representative candidates in Ward 4 - instead of “Vote for three;” and the death of Donald McCollum, Republican candidate for State Representative in Wards 5, 8, and 9 prior to the date of the election. Folder contains examples of incorrect and correct ballot formats.

Box 16 Folder 27, Sample Ballots - November 7, 2006. The State of New Hampshire reprinted ballots in five Wards for the state election due to errors: no circle next to Congressional Libertarian candidate’s name; smaller font used for some State Representative candidates (Wards 1, 2, 8, and 9); and “Vote for four” State Representative candidates in Ward 4 - instead of “Vote for three.” Folder contains examples of incorrect and correct ballot formats.

The problems associated with the 2000-2002 efforts to draw workable election districts are documented in Box 401, Folders 9 - 28, under the heading of redistricting. The use of census data and proposals are documented. Included within this section are court rulings in the cases of *Burling v. Chandler* and *Below v. Gardner*, which finally set the New Hampshire State Senate and House districts after a legislative failure to set the boundaries. Included in this collection are the cases of the incorrect setting of the boundaries between Nashua Wards 8 and 7 that left about 2000 people in the wrong ward and the efforts to fix the boundaries between State Senate districts 12 and 13. As a result of the judicial settlement, Nashua had the only election district in the State that

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was divided between two Senate districts. Voters in Ward 7 had the same polling place, the same election officials, and the same representatives to City Board of Alderman and the State House of Representatives, but they would have voted for separate State Senators depending on the street where they resided. The legislature corrected this problem the following legislative session.

Box 402 Folders 4 and 9 contain information on accessibility issues.

Box 402 Folder 10 contains a discussion of how the Fair Labor Standards Act applies to election workers.

Box 402 Folder 19 contains the proposal of the Mayoral Primary that was adopted in 2002 and first used in 2003.

Box 402 Folders 20 - 28, 34 and 36 contain information on the Help America Vote Act.

Box 402 Folder 39 contains a Superior Court decision relative to timeline for placing proposed charter amendment questions on the ballot.

Archives Organization
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City Clerk Records Group
Elections Series

Box and Folder List

Oversized materials

1885 - 1927: Inspectors of Election - Board of Registrars - Return of Votes

1890 - 1912 and 1914: Inspectors of Election and Board of Registrars

1928 - 1937: Inspectors of Election - Board of Registrars - Return of Votes

Board of Inspectors volumes:

- 1908 (Moved from Street & Ward list)
- 1908 - 1919 [voter lists]
- 1910 [Declarations of Candidacy]
- 1914 - 1920 [voter lists]
- 1928 - 1936 [Certificates Issued, Change of Party Designation]
- 1932 [Absent Voting Ballot Applications]
- 1936 - 1940 [voter lists]

Box 1 Folder 1: Minority Report of Recount Committee, Common Council,
February, 1907 (See Minutes of Common Council for 26 Feb. 1907 for record of
final disposition)

Box 1 Folder 2: Certificates of Election, November 4, 1930.

Box 1 Folder 3: Specimen Ballot, November 2, 1937.

Box 1 Folder 4: Ephemera, 1937.

Box 1 Folder 5: Initiative Petition, re: Fire Department, October 10, 1947.

Box 1 Folder 6: Petition to Impound Ballots, November 8, 1947.

Box 1 Folder 7: Index to Draft of Board of Registrars' procedures, circa 1971.

Box 1 Folder 8: Automatic Voting Machine (AVM) Proposal, 1971.

Box 1 Folder 9: Recall Petitions for Board of Education, 1971.

Box 1 Folder 10: Complaint relative to State Representative residency - March
1975

Box 1 Folder 11: Newspaper Clippings, 1975.

Box 1 Folder 12: Proposed Charter Changes, September 1975.

Box 1 Folder 13: Corporation Counsel Memo on Referendum Questions,
October 9, 1975.

Box 1 Folder 14: Sample Ballot - November 4, 1975

Box 1 Folder 15: Mayoral Runoff Clippings - December 16, 1975

Box 1 Folder 16: Board of Aldermen Minutes and Court Cases Related to the
Mayoral Succession, 1975-1977.

Box 1 Folder 17: Returns - November 2, 1976: Nashua Telegraph

Box 1 Folder 18: Newspaper Clippings - 1977

Box 1 Folder 19: Recall petitions and Court rulings, August - September, 1977.

Box 1 Folder 20: Correspondence, re: Voting Irregularities - November 8, 1977

Box 1 Folder 21: Referendum Question Explanation

Box 1 Folder 22: Candidate Clippings - November 8, 1977

Box 1 Folder 23: Ballot Law Commission Ruling on Alleged Election Law
Violations, January 1978.

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Box 1 Folder 24: Newspaper Clippings - 1979

Box 1 Folder 25: Opinion relative to Voting Machines - September 6, 1979

Box 1 Folder 26: Candidate Clippings - November 6, 1979

Box 1 Folder 27: Referendum Questions' Explanations

Box 1 Folder 28: Recount - November 6, 1979

Box 2 Folder 1: AVM handicap Accessible Voting Machines, 1980

New Hampshire Presidential Primary, February 26, 1980

Box 2 Folder 2: Sample Ballots.

Box 2 Folder 3: Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. v. William Gardner.

Box 2 Folder 4: Summary of Registered Voters.

Box 2 Folder 5: Total Votes Cast Per Hour.

Box 2 Folder 6: Correspondence.

Box 2 Folder 7: Board of Aldermen Resolutions R-80-01 and R-80-15.

State Primary, September 9, 1980

Box 2 Folder 8: Ballot Mock Ups.

Box 2 Folder 9: Summary of Registered Voters.

Box 2 Folder 10: Ballot Machine Receipts.

Box 2 Folder 11: Ballots Returned to City Hall.

Box 2 Folder 12: Total Votes Cast Per Hour.

Box 2 Folder 13: Sample Ballots.

Box 2 Folder 14: Correspondence.

General Election, November 4, 1980

Box 2 Folder 15: Instructions for Election Workers.

Box 2 Folder 16: Expenses.

Box 2 Folder 17: Explanation of Referendum Questions.

Box 2 Folder 18: Election Forms and Instructions.

Box 2 Folder 19: Warrant Mock Ups.

Box 2 Folder 20: Results, Ward 1.

Box 2 Folder 21: Summary of Registered Voters.

Box 2 Folder 22: Ballot Machine Receipts.

Box 2 Folder 23: Absentee Ballot Receipts.

Box 2 Folder 24: Ballots Returned.

Box 2 Folder 25: Attendees at the Moderators' Meeting.

Box 2 Folder 26: Registered Voters at Greenbrier Terrace.

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Box 2 Folder 28: Tally Sheets.

Box 2 Folder 29: Total Votes Cast Per Hour.

Box 2 Folder 30: Machine Records.

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Box 2 Folder 33: Results of Ballot Questions.

Box 2 Folder 34: Correspondence.

Box 2 Folder 35: Ephemera.

Municipal Elections, November 3, 1981

Box 2 Folder 36: Sample Ballots.

Box 2 Folder 37: Results.

Box 2 Folder 38: Petition Measures.

Box 2 Folder 39: Total Votes Cast Per Hour.

Box 2 Folder 40: Secretary of State Voting Machine Regulations, 1982.

Box 2 Folder 41: Correspondence, re: Polling Place Selection - March 1983.

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Box 2 Folder 42: City Clerk Testimony, re: "out" checklists - June 1983.

Box 2 Folder 43: Newspaper Clippings, 1983. Includes article stating that candidates may seek only one office.

Box 2 Folder 44: **Charter Review Committee Report**, August 1, 1983.

Box 2 Folder 45: **General Election, November 8, 1983** - Charter Question Explanations.

Box 2 Folder 46: League of Women Voters' Know Your Candidates report.

Box 2 Folder 47: Correspondence relative to Polling Place operations.

Box 2 Folder 48: Sample Ballot.

Box 2 Folder 49: Results.

Box 2 Folder 50: **Primary Election September 11, 1984** - Newspaper Clippings, Results.

General Election, November 6, 1984

Box 2 Folder 51: Report of Ballots Cast.

Box 2 Folder 52: Correspondence.

Box 2 Folder 53: **Special Mayoral Election - November 13, 1984**

Mayoral Runoff Election - December 11, 1984

Box 2 Folder 54: Results.

Box 3 Folder 1: AVM Correspondence, re: purchase - 1986

Box 3 Folder 2: Newspaper Clipping, re: voting machines - 1986

Box 3 Folder 3: Public Kindergarten Petition - February 1986.

State Primary, September 9, 1986

Box 3 Folder 4: Results

General Election, November 4, 1986

Box 3 Folder 5: Results.

Box 3 Folder 6: AVM Space Needs Memo - January 13, 1987

General Election, November 3, 1987

Box 3 Folder 7: Canvass of Votes Cast.

Box 3 Folder 8: Corporation Counsel Recount Memo.

Box 3 Folder 9: Ephemera.

State Primary, September 13, 1988

Box 3 Folder 10: Report of Votes Cast.

Box 3 Folder 11: Results.

General Election, November 8, 1988

Box 3 Folder 12: Warrants.

Box 3 Folder 13: Number of Absentee Ballots Mailed

Box 3 Folder 14: Sample Absentee Ballots and Instructions.

Box 3 Folder 15: Registered Voters.

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Box 3 Folder 17: Sample Ballots.

Box 3 Folder 18: Polling Places.

Box 3 Folder 19: Hourly Voting.

Box 3 Folder 20: Totals of Ballots Cast.

Box 3 Folder 21: Write-in Votes.

Box 3 Folder 22: Correspondence.

Special Election, January 23, 1990

Box 3 Folder 23: Summary of Registered Voters

Box 3 Folder 24: Corporation Counsel Memo on Voter Initiatives, July 2, 1990.

State Primary, September 11, 1990

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Box 3 Folder 27: AVM Problem Report.

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Box 3 Folder 30: Sample Ballots.

Box 3 Folder 31: Hourly Voting.

Box 3 Folder 32: Summary of Registered Voters.

Voter Initiative Referendum, January 15, 1991

Box 3 Folder 33: Results.

Box 3 Folder 34: Report of Votes Cast.

Box 3 Folder 35: Voter Information.

Box 3 Folder 36: Legal Opinion on the Protest Petition.

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Box 3 Folder 41: Information Regarding the Petition.

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Box 3 Folder 43: Newspaper Clippings.

Box 3 Folder 44: Wetlands Ordinance.

Box 3 Folder 45: Petition Certification.

Box 3 Folder 46: Absentee Ballot Forms

Box 4 Municipal Election, November 5, 1991

Box 4 Folder 1: Sample Ballots.

Box 4 Folder 2: Report of Votes Cast.

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Box 4 Folder 4: Correspondence.

Box 4 Folder 5: AVM Problem Reports.

Special Run-off Election, December 10, 1991

Box 4 Folder 6: Sample Absentee Ballots.

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Box 4 Folder 8: Report of Votes Cast.

Box 4 Folder 9: Registered Voters.

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Box 4 Folder 11: Hourly Vote Count.

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New Hampshire Presidential Primary, February 18, 1992

Box 4 Folder 14: Sample Ballots.

Box 4 Folder 15: Registration and Votes Cast.

Box 4 Folder 16: Results.

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Box 4 Folder 20: AVM Problem Report.

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Box 4 Folder 27: Results.
Box 4 Folder 28: Voters Guide to Constitutional Amendments.
Box 4 Folder 29: Summary Totals of Registered Voters.
Box 4 Folder 30: Voting Machine Problems.
Box 4 Folder 31: Total Votes Cast per Hour.

Recall Petition, December 1992

Box 4 Folder 32: Recall Petitions.
Box 4 Folder 33: Corporation Counsel Memo on Petition Signatures,
March 22, 1993

Municipal Election, November 2, 1993

Box 4 Folder 34: Correspondence Regarding the Referendum Questions.
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Box 4 Folder 40: Summary Totals of Registered Voters.
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Box 4 Folder 42: Automatic Voting Machines, re: replacement machines -
November 19, 1993

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Box 5 Folder 4: Summary Totals of Registered Voters.
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Mayoral Runoff, December 12, 1995

Box 5 Folder 9: Report of Votes Cast.
Box 5 Folder 10: Results.

New Hampshire Presidential Primary, February 20, 1996

Box 5 Folder 11: Absentee Ballot Receipts
Box 5 Folder 12: Sample Ballots.
Box 5 Folder 13: Request for Information from the Los Angeles Times.
Box 5 Folder 14: Summary Totals of Registered Voters.
Box 5 Folder 15: Registration and Votes Cast.
Box 5 Folder 16: Results.
Box 5 Folder 17: Registration Changes, Ward 4.
Box 5 Folder 18: Accu-Vote Pricing Proposal - March 4, 1996

State Primary, September 10, 1996

Box 5 Folder 19: Summary Totals of Registered Voters.
Box 5 Folder 20: Statement of Votes Cast.
Box 5 Folder 21: Election Summary.
Box 5 Folder 22: Sample Absentee Ballots.

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Box 5 Folder 24: Sample Absentee Ballots.

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Box 5 Folder 25: Ban the Bridge Committee v. Nashua, Notice of Decision re:
referendum question and petition signatories, Sept. 24, 1997

Box 5 Folder 26: Correspondence and Legal Opinions Related to the
Referendum Questions.

Box 5 Folder 27: Correspondence and Legal Opinions Related to the
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Box 5 Folder 28: Summary Totals of Registered Voters.

Box 5 Folder 29: Information Sheet.

Box 5 Folder 30: Recount Information.

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Box 5 Folder 33: Sample Ballots.

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Box 5 Folder 35: Drawing for Ballot Positions.

Box 5 Folder 36: Requests for Ballots.

Box 6 State Primary, September 8, 1998

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Box 6 Folder 2: Election Summary.

Box 6 Folder 3: Statement of Votes Cast.

Box 6 Folder 4: Sample Absentee Ballots.

Box 6 Folder 5: Election Worker Instructions and Correspondence.

Box 6 Folder 6: Nashua Civic Forum v. Eleanor Benson, Notice of Decision re:
petition signature verification process, October 16, 1998

Box 6 Folder 7: Nashua Civic Forum v. Eleanor Benson, Special Master's Report
re: petition signature verification process, October 30, 1998

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Box 6 Folder 8: Election Summary.

Box 6 Folder 9: Statement of Votes Cast.

Box 6 Folder 10: Sample Absentee Ballots.

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Box 6 Folder 12: New Registration Counts.

Box 6 Folder 13: Requests for Ballots.

Box 6 Folder 14: Instructions for Election Workers.

Box 6 Folder 15: Ballots Cast, Names on the Checklist Count.

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Box 6 Folder 17: Correspondence and Legal Opinions Regarding the Recall
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Box 6 Folder 38: Petitioners Committee v. Nashua, Order re: petition
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Box 7 Municipal Election, November 2, 1999

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Box 7 Folder 3: Precinct Summary.

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- Box 402 Folder 12: Corporation Counsel Memo on Mayoral Employment, January 7, 2000
- Box 402 Folder 13: U.S.P.S. Official Election Mail, 2000.
- Box 402 Folder 14: D.N.C. 2004 Primary Plan.
- Box 402 Folder 15: I.R.S. Ruling Regarding Election Workers.
- Box 402 Folder 13: Accu-Vote Notes and Directions, 2000.
- Box 402 Folder 14: Voter Registration Citizenship Requirements, 2000, 2001.
(Includes memo from City Clerk, re: birth on reservation as it applies to U.S. citizenship.)
- Box 402 Folder 15: Election Supply Vendors, 2000-2003.
- Box 402 Folder 16: "Keep the Cap" Petition Drive, 2001, Newspaper Clippings.
- Box 402 Folder 17: "Keep the Cap" Petition Drive, 2001, Correspondence, Photo
- Box 402 Folder 18: Proposal to Abolish Certain Departments.
- Box 402 Folder 19: Proposal to Create a Mayoral Primary.
- Box 402 Folder 20: The **Help America Vote Act** (HAVA) of 2002: Text of the Act.
- Box 402 Folder 21: HAVA - New Hampshire's Response.
- Box 402 Folder 22: HAVA - Impacts for New Hampshire.
- Box 402 Folder 23: HAVA - Joint Explanatory Statement.
- Box 402 Folder 24: HAVA - Summary of the House/Senate Agreement.
- Box 402 Folder 25: HAVA - State Planning Committee Member, February 7, 2003.
- Box 402 Folder 26: State Planning Committee Minutes, February 7, 2003.
- Box 402 Folder 27: HAVA - Statewide Voter Registration Database Task Force Minutes, February 28, 2003.
- Box 402 Folder 28: HAVA Opinions, U.S. Department of Justice, 2004
- Box 402 Folder 29: Report: NVRA and Voter Registration in Human Services Agencies, 2004.
- Box 402 Folder 30: Keene's Election Preparation List, November 2, 2004
- Box 402 Folder 31: Demos: Election Day Registration Report, Winter 2004
- Box 402 Folder 32: American Prospect Election Report, January 2005
- Box 402 Folder 33: Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Studies, 2005.
- Box 402 Folder 34: HAVA - Vermont's Vote-by-Phone System, 2005.
- Box 402 Folder 35: Secretary of State Survey on HAVA Implementation, December 8, 2005.
- Box 402 Folder 36: HAVA - ElectioNet rollout, 2006.
- Box 402 Folder 37: Memo relative to a Board of Aldermen initiated referendum, October 2007
- Box 402 Folder 38: House Subcommittee Report on HB32, relative to voter identification cards, November 2007
- Box 402 Folder 39: Decision: NH Advantage Coalition v. Michael "Mike" Lopez, et als

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Absentee Ballot Requests (Limited Access)

Per RSA 657:15, "Candidates whose names appear on the ballot and persons bearing notarized requests or copies of notarized requests from candidates whose names appear on the ballot may obtain copies of such lists; the lists shall not be available for public inspection at any time without a court order." The phrase, "whose names appear on the ballot" means the names of candidates whose names appear on the ballot for the election for which the absentee ballot request list was generated. For example, a candidate for a 2008 election cannot be given access to a 2006 absentee ballot request list. However, a candidate whose name appeared on the 2006 ballot may be granted access to the relevant wards from the 2006 absentee ballot request list at any time.

Box 601 Folder 1: Applications for Absentee Ballots - **November 4, 1980**

Box 601 Folder 2: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 1 - 4

Box 601 Folder 3: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 5 - 9

Box 601 Folder 4: Absentee Ballot Report, Ward 7 - **January 12, 1999**

Box 601 Folder 5: Absentee Ballot Report - **November 2, 1999**

Box 601 Folder 6: Absentee Ballot Report - **December 7, 1999**

Box 601 Folder 7: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 1 - 5 - **February 1, 2000**

Box 601 Folder 8: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 6 - 9

Box 601 Folder 9: Absentee Ballot Report - **September 12, 2000**

Box 601 Folder 10: Absentee Ballots Report, Wards 1 - 3 - **November 7, 2000**

Box 601 Folder 11: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 4 - 6

Box 601 Folder 12: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 7 - 9

Box 601 Folder 13: Absentee Ballot Report - **March 13, 2001**

Box 601 Folder 14: Absentee Ballot Report - **November 6, 2001**

Box 601 Folder 15: Absentee Ballot Report - **September 10, 2002**

Box 601 Folder 16: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 1 - 3 - **November 5, 2002**

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Box 602

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Box 602 Folder 3: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 7 - 9

Box 602 Folder 4: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 1 - 5 - **January 27, 2004**

Box 602 Folder 5: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 6 - 9

Box 602 Folder 6: Absentee Ballot Report - **September 14, 2004**

Box 602 Folder 7: Absentee Ballot Report, Wards 1 - 3 - **November 4, 2004**

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Box 602 Folder 10: Absentee Ballot Report - **November 7, 2006**