

# Inventory and Finding Aid for Election Records, City of Nashua, NH, 1930 - 2007

## ***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.<sup>1</sup> 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 1930 and ending in the spring of 2007.

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.

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

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.<sup>2</sup> 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;

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

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” (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.

### **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.

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 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 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.

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City Clerk Records Group  
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