



Guide to the Phil Carlino Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Carlino, Phil
Title:	Phil Carlino Papers
ID:	MS-00953
Date [inclusive]:	1967 to 2016
Physical Description:	2.36 Cubic Feet (3 boxes, 1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	3.08 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Phil Carlino Papers (1967-2016) document Carlino's involvement in Nevada politics and business. The collection centers around Carlino's time as State Chairman of the Nevada State Democratic Party. It also includes materials from the National Democratic Party, the 1972 Democratic National Convention, and personal papers. His wife and business partner, Florence Carlino, is mentioned throughout the collection. She was involved in numerous local organizations and was a supporter of the Democratic Party. The materials include photographs, correspondence, newspaper articles, event programs and invitations, periodicals, and promotional campaign items from Carlino's campaigns for Nevada Secretary of State and Mayor of Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Born on April 1, 1926, Phil T. Carlino is a businessman, politician, community activist, and former State Chairman of the Nevada Democratic Party. After serving in the Navy in World War II, he attended the University of Buffalo (now known as the State University of New York at

Buffalo). He met his future wife Florence, whose family had moved to Buffalo, New York, from Steubenville, Ohio, in 1946 and they were married that same year. The couple owned a coin and stamp collecting shop in Buffalo.

The Carlinos moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1963 after a doctor recommended a drier climate to help with their son's extreme asthma. They opened another coin and stamp shop and soon expanded their business to include more stores, including the Las Vegas Cointique Shop and Fremont Coin Company.

Carlino became involved with the Nevada Democratic Party in the late 1960s. He served on the Clark County Fair Housing Committee, as First Vice Chairman of the State Central Committee, and assumed the position of State Chairman of the Democratic Party in 1970. He held this position until 1974, when he ran in the Democratic primary election for Secretary of State, losing to Democrat William D. Swackhamer. He did not seek reelection for State Chairman. Carlino attended the 1972 Democratic National Convention as a Nevada delegate. He ran unsuccessfully for Mayor of Las Vegas in 1975.

In 1975, Carlino helped form and served as president of the Combined Health Agency Program (CHAP), a state organization that fundraised and then distributed donations to one of six national health agencies. He became involved with the American Lung Association of Nevada in 1978, eventually serving as president for three separate terms, and was an advocate for cleaner air in Nevada. He was actively involved in fraternal organizations such as the Sons of Italy and the Optimist Club. In addition to running their coin business and supporting the Democratic party, Florence Carlino was active in the Women's Democratic Club of Clark County, the Sons of Italy, the Mesquite Club, the Daughters of Erin, and served as president of the Las Vegas Numismatic Society.

Carlino continued to work on various political campaigns throughout the years. Florence passed away in 1998. Carlino operated the Fremont Coin Company until its closure in 2017. As of 2019, Phil Carlino still lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sources:

Breger, Jack. "Health agencies in fund coalition." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, April 21, 1975.

"New open-housing bill won't halt Nevada plan." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, April 11, 1968.

"Prominent coin store owner, political activist Carlino dies." *Las Vegas Sun*, August 19, 1998.

Accessed September 13, 2019, <https://lasvegassun.com/news/1998/aug/19/prominent-coin-store-owner-political-activist-carl/>.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Phil Carlino Papers (1967-2016) document his involvement in Nevada politics and business. The topics present in the collection include the Nevada State Democratic Party, Carlino's two

campaigns for public office: Secretary of State (1974) and Mayor of Las Vegas (1975), the National Democratic Party, the Democratic National Convention, and personal items. The materials include photographs, correspondence, newspaper articles, event programs and invitations, newsletters, magazines, speeches, and promotional campaign items. Carlino was very active in the Democratic Party, and the collection documents his involvement through invitations to the 1973 and 1977 U.S. Presidential Inaugurations, delegate badges to the 1972 DNC, and correspondence between him and members of the party throughout the country.

Also included are personal items from Carlino's involvement with the Sons of Italy, Optimist Club, and other fraternal organizations. There are greeting and holiday cards that were sent to the Carlino family, as well as correspondence addressed directly to Florence. There is a small amount of material related to the Fremont Coin Company.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by topic.

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Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2019 by Rebecca Carlino and Glenn Carlino; accession number 2019-072.

Processing Note

In 2019, Lauren Paljusaj rehoused and arranged the materials, and wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Democratic Party of Nevada
 - Political campaigns
 - photographs
 - Fraternal organizations
 - Politics and government
 - Las Vegas (Nev.)
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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Nevada State Democratic Party, 1967 to 2009	
Permanent party rules, 1971	box 01
Scrapbook of newspaper clippings mentioning Phil Carlino, 1970	box 01
Correspondence, contract, press release, and programs about Governor Mike O'Callaghan's Inaugural Ball; Nevada State Legislation committee list, 1971 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Meeting minutes of the Nevada State Convention Committee, letter from Phil Carlino to the Committee, 1973 November 17 to 1974 January 01	box 01
Congratulation letters to Phil Carlino on State Chairman reelection, 1972	box 01
Press releases, 1970 to 1974	box 01
Newspaper clippings from the <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> , 1967 to 1968	box 01
Newspaper clippings, draft of "The Vanishing American" speech by Phil Carlino, approximately 1970 to 1975	box 01
Speech transcriptions and notes, "Pulling Nevada Together Through the Democratic Party," "Women, the Backbone of America," copy of "Psalm on Nixon," newspaper clippings, 1973	box 01
Press releases, meeting minutes, rules and resolutions, and newspaper clippings, 1970 to 1975	box 01
Endorsement letter for Phil Carlino as Secretary of State, meeting minutes, 1974	box 01
Newspaper clippings and notes about the Nevada State Democratic Party finance record audit controversy, 1973	box 01

<i>State of Nevada Election Laws</i> booklet, 1972	box 01
Correspondence, Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner committee report, and telegrams from Alan Bible and Howard W. Cannon, 1971 to 1973	box 01
Correspondence, 1967 to 2009 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 01
Correspondence addressed to Florence Carlino, approximately 1973 to 1977	box 01
Greeting cards, approximately 1970 to 1980	box 01
Invoice and photographs for production of a medallion featuring Governor Mike O'Callaghan, 1971	box 01
Speech delivered by Carlino, 1970 October	box 01
Correspondence, Sons of Italy Columbus Day dinner, Carlino as guest of honor, 1974	box 01
Correspondence, notes, memorandums, and telegrams between Carlino and the Nevada State Democratic Party, 1970 to 1978	box 01
Proclamation by Governor Mike O'Callaghan naming Jefferson-Jackson Day in Nevada, 1971	box 01
Press releases from Phil Carlino as State Chairman showing support for Democrat Mike O'Callaghan in the 1970 Nevada Gubernatorial race, 1970	box 01
Women's Democratic Club of Clark County, membership, legislators, constitution and by-laws, speech transcription, and member obituary, approximately 1970 to 1979	box 01
Correspondence about Nevada State Democratic Convention and Democratic National Convention, 1971 to 1972 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Newspaper clippings mentioning Carlino and the Nevada State Democratic Party, approximately 1970 to 1978	box 01
Phil Carlino's certificate of election of delegate and program of events for the Nevada State Democratic Convention, 1970	box 02
Correspondence from Alan Bible about room reservations for Nevada State Convention; correspondence from Washoe County delegates, 1972 January 20 to 1972 January 28	box 02
Lists of Nevada State Democratic Delegates by county, 1972 Physical Description: 16 Files	box 02
Nevada State Democratic Convention program booklet, 1972	box 02
List of Nevada voters by precinct, approximately 1970 to 1974	box 02
Lists of Nevada State Central Committee members, Democratic Party, Clark County and Nevada Democratic County Chairmen, 1970	box 02
Newsletters: <i>The O'Brien Letter</i> and <i>Straight Talk from the Democratic National Committee</i> , 1972 September to 1972 October 06	box 02

Correspondence from Phil Carlino and Nevada Democratic Party to supporters, 1972 to 1973	box 02
Letter and press release from George McGovern and campaign contribution receipt, 1972	box 02
Letters received by the Nevada State Democratic Party, 1972 to 1973	box 02
Correspondence between Carlino and United Press International (UPI), Mike O'Callaghan, approximately 1970 to 1974	box 02
Correspondence with Democratic National Committee Chairman and Association of State Democratic Chairmen, 1972 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02
Photographs, contact sheet, and negatives from events with Governor Mike O'Callaghan, approximately 1970 to 1974	box 02
Photographs of Combined Health Agencies Program (CHAP) events and donations, includes press releases, newspaper clippings, and correspondence, 1974 to 1977	box 02
Photographs from a law enforcement event at Tropicana Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, approximately 1970 to 1980	box 02
Photographs, various events, approximately 1970 to 1980	box 02
Speech notes, approximately 1970 to 1974	box 02
Phil Carlino's State Chairman business cards, name badge, and Democrat pin, 1970 to 1974	oversized box 04
Campaign promotional materials for Nevada Democrats Maggie Carlton, Al Landsman, and Gary Reese, approximately 1960 to 2009	oversized box 04
Gavel inscribed "Nevada State Chairman, Democratic Party, Phil Carlino 1970-1972", 1970 to 1972	oversized box 04
Campaign materials, 1974 to 1975	
Photographs, Secretary of State campaign, 1974 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02
Secretary of State loss consolation letter from Jim Santini, 1974	box 02
Campaign flier for Mayor of Las Vegas, press release from James M. Deitch and Associates, constituent letter, 1975	box 02
Campaign consultant letter, Don Williams and Associates, approximately 1974 to 1980	box 02
Correspondence, Natural Elements Corporation, 1975	box 02
Campaign constituent phone and address lists, approximately 1974 to 1975	box 02
Secretary of State campaign materials, 1974	box 02

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Secretary of State campaign photographs, newspaper clippings, sample ballots, 1974	box 02
Promotional materials for Secretary of State campaign, 1974 to 1975	oversized box 04
"Carlino for Sec. of St., disclaimer included, out 'Q' Ralph Leegon Chairman," 1/4" open reel audio tape, approximately 1974	oversized box 04
Democratic National Convention (DNC) materials, 1971 to 1972	
"Democrats in Convention" Democratic National Convention program, 1972	box 03
Correspondence, inquiries from Washington D.C. about Nevada delegates to the DNC, attendance at Nevada State Democratic Convention, Nevada State Democratic Party, 1971 to 1972	box 03
Carlino's delegate badges to the 1972 DNC in Miami Beach, Florida, 1972 July 10 to 1972 July 13	box 03
Pamphlet from Democratic National Committee "How to Become a Convention Delegate in Nevada," State of Nevada "Call to Convention" detailing how state delegates to the DNC will be chosen, letter to Carlino from Noel E. Manoukian, 1972	box 03
Pre-convention committees, Democratic National Convention, 1972	box 03
Correspondence from the Democratic National Committee and Nevada Democrats about State Convention and DNC, 1971 to 1972	box 03
Democratic Party (U.S.), 1971 to 1977	
<i>Newsweek</i> "The Eagleton Crisis", 1972 August 07	box 03
<i>Democratic News</i> , Vol. 1, No. 1, 1971 December	box 03
Correspondence from Senator Birch Bayh, 1971	box 03
Invitations from Inaugural Committee to President Nixon's Inauguration, 1972	box 03
Invitations, programs, and correspondence from Inaugural Committee to President Carter's Inauguration, 1976 to 1977	box 03
Personal papers, approximately 1970 to 2016	
<i>Nevada Magazine</i> (1980 March/April); <i>Nevada Magazine</i> (1981 January/February); <i>Nevada Magazine</i> Special Issue, 50 Years of Gaming, (1981 March/April), 1980 March to 1981 April	box 03
Photographs, Optimist Club events, approximately 1970 to 2000	box 03
Photographs with Harry Reid; reproduction of 2016 Commemorative Presidential print from Barack Obama, approximately 1980 to 2016	box 03
Materials from Carlino's involvement with the Sons of Italy, approximately 1974 to 2015	box 03

Physical Description: 2 Files

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box 04

Photographs, events and headshots, approximately 1980 to 2010	box 03
Correspondence from Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; newspaper clippings about American Lung Association involvement and fraternal certificates, approximately 1975 to 2010	box 03
Fremont Coin Company newspaper article, letters, photographs, and flyer, approximately 1967 to 2012	box 03
Certificate of appreciation from North Las Vegas Lions Club, 1973 February 20	box 03
Heart Fund Cyclethon patch; 2nd Annual Greater Las Vegas Coin and Stamp Show, Hotel Sahara, August 5-7, 1977 dealer ribbon "Phil Carlino, Fremont Coin", approximately 1964 to 2010	oversized box 04