

MECHAM RECALL COLLECTION-MSS 32

Records: 1986-1988

No. of Items: 27 Boxes, 3 Oversize Volumes, Misc. Oversize Items, approx. 30 cu. ft.

Established in early 1987, the Mecham Recall Committee was dedicated to the removal of Arizona Governor Evan Mecham from office. Elected in 1986, the latter inspired much controversy for his views regarding various issues.

Coordinator of the recall effort was Phoenix businessman and self-made millionaire Ed Buck. Through a massive grass-roots campaign Buck and other recall supporters mobilized state-wide support and acquired enough petition signatures to force a special election. However, before the scheduled date of the recall election in May 1988, Mecham was impeached by the Arizona Legislature and removed from office primarily for obtaining and concealing a questionable \$350,000 campaign loan.

Materials within the collection primarily document activities of the recall committee. Included are office files of correspondence, copies of signed petitions, newsclippings, audio-visual items, and miscellaneous publicity materials used for the recall effort. The collection also contains documents related to the Mecham Watchdog Committee, predecessor of the Mecham Recall Committee. Some items pertain to other activities of gay activist Ed Buck.

Most of the material in the collection was donated to the Arizona Historical Foundation by Ed Buck during the period 1988-1991. Mr. Buck has requested that the collection be dedicated to Ed Morse, the first volunteer to assist in the recall effort. A single box of legal materials contained within the collection was donated by attorney Stephen U'Ren of Phoenix in 1991.

Box 1

- Folder 1 Misc. correspondence and memos re: whether or not Prop. 200 applies to the Mecham Recall Committee (see also Box 27, f.1) Also includes volunteer forms and names and addresses of persons interested in the Committee

- Folder 2 Volunteer forms

- Folder 3 Misc. materials including: Maricopa County Recorder's Office Recall petition Certification Report 12/21/87; Misc. handwritten notes; attorney general guidelines, 11/19/87 observation report by T.M. Hanson of petition circulation process, 11/24/87; photocopies of donation checks; misc. newsclippings; some correspondence; copy of opinion survey; statement by Ed Buck about use of prescription medication; letter from Brunch Jennings copy: Church Leaders' Criteria for Electing public Officials. misc. info re: legislature; Maricopa county Recorder's Office Recall Petition certification Final Media Briefing Fact Sheet, 1/18/88

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- Folder 4 Volunteer Forms - Northeast Phoenix
- Folder 5 Volunteer Forms - Zip Code 85018 (Tower Plaza)
- Folder 6 Volunteer Forms - central Phoenix & petition sites
- Folder 7 Volunteer Forms - Zip Codes 85007-008 and 85012-019
- Folder 8 Volunteer Forms - Peoria/Glendale
- Folder 9 Bob Davis Arrest
- Folder 10 New Alliance Party Platform - 6/4/86
- Folder 11 MCC envelopes; also 38th legislature directory
- Folder 12 Proposition 200
- Folder 13 MRC Signature Count by County, Final Report Nov. 4, 1987
- Folder 14 Misc. notes and correspondence re.: from Georgia S. Hubbard and Phyllis A. Gately re: voter registration and invalidation of signatures; petition observations by Sharon Giorgio; telephone messages letter to H. Bloom organization re: Kool and the Gang Concert; Notes on Lee Watkins, Barry Wolfson Clipping from The Nation, 11/9/87
- Folder 15 Copy of Statement of Contributions and Expenditures for Evan Mecham filed April, 1987
- Folder 16 Stevie Wonder correspondence
- Folder 17 Press releases (empty)
- Folder 18 Misc. correspondence; February and March, 1987
- Folder 19 Press - Names and Contacts
- Folder 20 Ilene Gorden, Director of Group Relations Lists of names, potential volunteers, contacts
- Folder 21 KFYI contact
- Folder 22 ABC News LA - Contacts

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- Folder 23 NBC News LA - Contacts
- Folder 24 CBS News LA - Contacts
- Folder 25 ABC News Washington
- Folder 26 KTAR radio
- Folder 27 East Valley Office (Volunteers?)
- Folder 28 AFSCME Local 3195; newsletters, misc. clippings
- Folder 29 Scottsdale Daily Progress Contacts
- Folder 30 Phoenix Gazette Contact
- Folder 31 Green Valley News
- Folder 32 Washington Times Contacts
- Folder 33 U.S. News and World Report
- Folder 34 Time
- Folder 35 USA Today
- Folder 36 KNAU
- Folder 37 Mesa Tribune
- Folder 38 Newsweek
- Folder 39 New Times
- Folder 40 Arizona Republic
- Folder 41 Other National Press
- Folder 42 Arizona Daily Wildcat
- Folder 43 Channel 13, Tucson
- Folder 44 Jerome

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- Folder 45 ACLU
- Folder 46 AFSCME, Tucson
- Folder 47 Blue Cards Anti-Mecham (donation forms)
- Folder 48 Capitol Police: "Rules for Demonstrations"
- Folder 49 Common Cause clippings
- Folder 50 Ed Buck drug probe articles
- Folder 51 DPS (notes)
- Folder 52 Flagstaff
- Folder 53 Hand-out letter
- Folder 54 Interviews: Evan Mecham with Arizona Trend Magazine
- Folder 55 PACs
- Folder 56 Prescott; correspondence with Merle Farmer
- Folder 57 Saturday Night Live; correspondence
- Folder 58 Thank You Letters
- Folder 59 The Labor Journal
- Folder 60 RUCO; agenda meeting January 23, 1987
- Folder 61 20 PERSON LIST
- Folder 62 Trent Franks notation
- Folder 63 Watchdog statement
- Folder 64 Marketing
- Folder 65 Mecham and Homosexuality
- Folder 66 Watchdog Roster, 1/3/87

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- Folder 67 Fundraising letter
- Folder 68 Budget
- Folder 69 Larry Lynde Paid signatures gathered (Rillito Race Track survey)
- Folder 70 Ronald Crates clippings and correspondence
- Folder 71 Grey Panthers message
- Folder 72 People for the American Way correspondence and notes
- Folder 73 Key Volunteers lists
- Folder 74 Energy Fund notes
- Folder 75 Real Estate Names and Addresses
- Folder 76 Mesa Office - Standard Commercial Lease
- Folder 77 Misc. telephone messages, notes, etc.
- Folder 78 Completed mail orders
- Folder 79 Miscellaneous legal correspondence, receipts, etc.
- Folder 80 Petition information, hotline info., memos, and lists
- Folder 81 Petty cash sheets and receipts
- Folder 82 Miscellaneous clippings
- Folder 83 Press mailing list
- Folder 84 Press release mailing forms
- Folder 85 Directory, MRC Steering Committee
Petition Signing Locations: ASU, Scottsdale, Prescott, Tucson
Hotline #s: Scottsdale, Tucson, Yuma
- Folder 86 Mecham clippings
- Folder 87 Press packet originals

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- Folder 88 Volunteer forms completed
- Folder 89 Petitions picked up at headquarters SW office completed
- Folder 90 Volunteer forms
- Folder 91 UNPICKANINNY BUMPER STICKERS ORDERS
- Folder 92 Press File lists, releases, correspondence
- Folder 93 Mecham statement of contributions filed 4/1/87
- Folder 94 Gay Press contacts
- Folder 95 Mecham resignation bumper stickers
- Folder 96 Press packets mailed out
- Folder 97 Office supplies donors receipts
- Folder 98 Tucson chapter memos and lists
- Folder 99 Black community speakers and directory
- Folder 100 Globe, Nogales, Cornville -- sales contracts
- Folder 101 Shopping malls -- guidelines, instructions for volunteers
- Folder 102 Scottsdale 20/30 club list
- Folder 103 Mecham 1987-1987 T-shirts. receipts for manufacture
- Folder 104 Basha's Markets -- petitioning and Related Activities
- Folder 105 Shopping Malls, guidelines, instructions for volunteers
- Folder 106 Events calendars
- Folder 107 ADOT forms
- Folder 108 Deputy registrar lists
- Folder 109 Buttons

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- Folder 110 Zap Ev T-shirts
- Folder 111 That's Scarey T-shirt
- Folder 112 Ev-Caution sticker
- Folder 113 Hal Chappel T-shirts
- Folder 114 Mecham mouse T-shirts
- Folder 115 Recall Mecham T-shirts
- Folder 116 Sunshades
- Folder 117 Fundraising letters
- Folder 118 Signs
- Folder 119 Newsletter, masters
- Folder 120 Recall posters and banners
- Folder 121 Logistics plan
- Folder 122 Press release forms
- Folder 123 Status report: unemployment insurance coverage
- Folder 124 Recall Mecham tour T-shirts
- Folder 125 Demonstration file/police Phoenix
- Folder 126 Route to Recall press releases, memos, etc.
- Folder 127 Sundome schedule
- Folder 128 Airport facts
- Folder 129 Uniprint ad
- Folder 130 Volunteer sign-in sheet
- Folder 131 Original road to recall press releases

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- Folder 132 Notary information
- Folder 133 Mecham support poll, 3/15/87

Box 2

- Folder 1 Volunteer Profile forms
- Folder 2 Office Directory
- Folder 3 Valley Hotline Telephone numbers
- Folder 4 Hispanic community contacts includes names, telephone #'s
- Folder 5 South Phoenix Office, personnel
- Folder 6 Scottsdale chapter
- Folder 7 Tempe Chapter personnel
- Folder 8 Prescott Area contact
- Folder 9 Paul Knowles - Mesa
- Folder 10 Flagstaff chapter
- Folder 11 Complimentary items (agreements of items distributed)
- Folder 12 Old volunteer lists
- Folder 13 Purchase requisitions (blanks)
- Folder 14 Blank sign out forms
- Folder 15 Blank volunteer schedules
- Folder 16 Blank material sign out sheets
- Folder 17 Master of donation card
- Folder 18 Recall T-shirts file; includes receipts, orders etc
- Folder 19 Mecham bola ties

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- Folder 20 Blank deposit forms
- Folder 21 Old forms
- Folder 22 Office supplies (catalog)
- Folder 23 Schedule forms completed (n.d.)
- Folder 24 Misc. notes and correspondence
- Folder 25 New Times Ad galley
- Folder 26 Flyers
- Folder 27 Disabled list includes names, telephone #'s
- Folder 28 Bedding arrangements includes addresses and #'s of persons
- Folder 29 Blank petition forms
- Folder 30 Misc. lists: volunteers, talent lists
- Folder 31 Responses to demo mailing
- Folder 32 Strategy meeting notes
- Folder 33 Smith Wine and cheese fundraiser
- Folder 34 Bulk mailing information
- Folder 35 Mecham Recall committee zip code list
- Folder 36 Original forms
- Folder 37 Bulk Mail information
- Folder 38 Riuka (Appears to be notices of events)
- Folder 39 Receipts
- Folder 40 Rucker for Recall clippings
- Folder 41 S. Phoenix Office (memo to Buck re: volunteers at office)
- Folder 42 Blank petitions

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- Folder 43 Event information
- Folder 44 Event Coordinator Managers meeting n.d.
- Folder 45 Event request form/assorted notes re: events
- Folder 46 Airport names and telephone #'s
- Folder 47 Advertising includes forms, clippings
- Folder 48 AFNB Newsletter information
- Folder 49 Misc. Includes bill for legal services and notice of speaking engagement
- Folder 50 Schedule of upcoming events and press releases
- Folder 51 Thank you letters (handwritten)
- Folder 52 Volunteer info. lists of local leaders, volunteer request forms
- Folder 53 Zazoos material pertinent to "Recall at Rock-Its"
- Folder 54 Response cards and related correspondence
- Folder 55 Press releases
- Folder 56 Donation Letters Responses
- Folder 57 Victory Party Plan
- Folder 58 Route to Recall; includes correspondence, press releases, agendas
- Folder 59 Radio info; transcript or radio pass
- Folder 60 Paycheck invoices
- Folder 61 PAC solicit info; contains Cal to Recall info
- Folder 62 Petition gathering protocol guidelines
- Folder 63 Rental agreement for Cafe Express in Flagstaff as committee headquarters
- Folder 64 Issues, intro and justification for recall

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- Folder 65 Kick-off gala planning
- Folder 66 Leads, resources; correspondence, brochures from President's Club, U of A
- Folder 67 Buck's dessert fundraiser, planning
- Folder 68 Mailing labels, chapter offices
- Folder 69 Malls, general notes on suitability
- Folder 70 Notices of management meetings
- Folder 71 Mailing labels, press
- Folder 72 Meeting minutes, 8/87 - 9/87
- Folder 73 Newspaper clipping (FITZ)
- Folder 74 October newsletter
- Folder 75 Endorsements; 1 from Arizona Trend Magazine
- Folder 76 Foundation List
- Folder 77 Flyers
- Folder 78 Gov. letter; copy of letter from Mecham to "fellow conservatives," requesting contributions to combat "attacks from the left"
- Folder 79 Grafix Ink and Type
- Folder 80 Interoffice Memos
- Folder 81 Calendars of Events
- Folder 82 Correspondence
- Folder 83 Job descriptions
- Folder 84 To printer (contains flyers, orders)
- Folder 85 Press release forms
- Folder 86 August newsletter, includes copy and printing order

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- Folder 87 Kickoff Gala invitations
- Folder 88 Rock Against Meham press releases, volunteer forms
- Folder 89 ACLU opinion on recall
- Folder 90 Advertising Press general info
- Folder 91 Correspondence: 1 letter
- Folder 92 Meham Recall Book
- Folder 93 Blank events sheets
- Folder 94 White Paper
- Folder 95 Correspondence with Paramount Pictures
- Folder 96 Petition locations
- Folder 97 Paid petition circulators
- Folder 98 Fundraising committee, notes, memos
- Folder 99 Telemarketing
- Folder 100 ASU events general information
- Folder 101 Typesetter/ flyer
- Folder 102 Miriam's lists: names, mailing addresses
- Folder 103 Bumper sticker consignments
- Folder 1041 Bulk Mail Info

Petitions/Affidavits of Circulators

- Box 3** Arizona Counties - A thru C
- Box 4** Arizona Counties - G thru P
- Box 5** Arizona Counties - P thru Y

- Box 6** Maricopa County- 7/10/87 - 7/24/87
- Box 7** Maricopa County- 8/3/87 - 8/14/87
- Box 8** Maricopa County- 8/17/87 - 9/9/87
- Box 9** Maricopa County- 9/9/87 - 9/23/87
- Box 10** Maricopa County- 9/24/87 - 10/8/87
- Box 11** Maricopa County - 10/12/87 - 10/23/87
- Box 12** Maricopa County - 10/23/87 - 10/28/87
- Box 13** Maricopa County & Misc. Counties - 8/87 - 11/87
- Box 14** Maricopa County & Misc. Counties - 10/87 - 11/87
- Box 15** Pima County
- Box 16** Pima County
- Box 17** Pima County
- Box 18** Miscellaneous Items:
Xeroxes of checks
Receipts reports
Posters
1 small Arizona State flag
1 U.S. flag
Mecham recall bumper stickers
Misc. address lists
Recall certificates of appreciation
- Box 19** Misc. Records
- Box 20** Miscellany: Newsletters, Volunteer Profiles, Press Release
Forms, Copies of Petitions.
- Box 21** Miscellany: Volunteer Notebooks, Clippings
- Box 22** Audio - Visual items: Audio Cassettes, Video Cassettes
(Beta / VHS)
- Box 23** Misc. Memorabilia and Artifacts

- Box 24** Newsclippings, etc. (Oversize)
- Box 25** Newsclippings, etc. (Oversize)
- Box 26** Banners, Posters, etc. (Oversize)
- Box 27** Legal Documents
- Folder 1 Mecham Recall Committee vs. Robert Corbin, Attorney General and Rose Mofford, Secretary of State. Petition for Special Action Seeking Injunctive relief and Response to Petition re: application of Arizona Election Laws (Proposition 200) to recall committees. Brought before the Supreme Court of Arizona, Aug. 1987.
- Folder 2 Material from Stephen U'Ren, attorney re: petition procedures. and certification requirements. Oct-Nov 1987.
- Folder 3 Recall Legal Research
- Folder 4-8 Concerned Arizona Voters, et al., vs. Ed Buck, et al., alleging fraud regarding petitions and signature certification. Superior Court of Arizona case #88-03047 filed Feb. 1988.
- F. 4. County Recorder Pleadings Feb-Apr. 1988
 - F. 5. Plaintiff's Pleadings Feb-Mar, 1988
 - F. 6. Attorney General Pleadings Feb. 1988
 - F. 7. Plaintiff's Request to Produce, Feb-Mar, 1988
 - F. 8. Other legal documents
- Folder 9 Correspondence re: recall petition, 1987-88
- Folder 10 Appeal of fraud case (#88-03047) to Arizona Supreme Court, March 1988
- Folder 11 Green vs. Osborne, April 1988
- Folder 12 Correspondence re: legal fees incurred during 1988
- Folder 13 Recall - Miscellaneous: List of notaries; Press releases; clippings; correspondence; "Call to Recall", July 1987; Arizona legal code re: Public Records; "Watchdog", Mar-Oct, 1987 (incomplete)

Oversize Items:

Volume 1 Clippings Scrapbook, 12/10/86 - 4/21/87

Volume 2 Clippings Scrapbook, 4/22/87 - 8/1/87

Volume 3 . Clippings Scrapbook, 8/1/87 - 10/16/87

Oversize Loose Items:

“Mecham Busters” Collage

20 x 34 Laminated set of Doonesbury comic strips about Mecham.

Recall Statement Posters

Mecham Recall Banner

Misc. Posters, copies of petitions etc.

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