
Descriptive Summary

Title: Judith Stanley subject files on Proposition 13

Date: 1973-1980,

Date (bulk): bulk 1978

Collection Number: MS-R082

Creator: Stanley, Judith

Extent: 1.4 linear feet (2 boxes and 1 oversized folder)

Languages: The collection is in English and Spanish; Castilian

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Irvine, California 92623-9557

Abstract: This collection comprises newsletters, clippings, campaign ephemera, memoranda, reports, and other materials gathered by Judith Stanley, a University of California, Irvine, librarian, to document California's Proposition 13, a citizen's initiative to reduce property taxes that was approved as a State constitutional amendment on June 6, 1978. Included in the collection are materials from taxpayer associations, housing associations, and political coalitions, as well as files documenting the effect of the proposition on education, libraries, and Social Security.

Access

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Acquisition Information

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Processing History

Processed by Audrey Pearson, 2007.

Historical Background

Judith Stanley was a social sciences bibliographer for the University of California, Irvine libraries in the 1970s.

Commonly called the "Taxpayers' Revolt of 1978," Proposition 13 was a landmark citizen's initiative written and introduced in 1977 by politicians Howard Jarvis (1903-1986) and Paul Gann (1912-1989). This proposition fixed California property taxes at 1 percent of the full cash value of the property and set the maximum inflationary rate for property value at 2 percent per year. Property value is reassessed when property is purchased, newly constructed, or undergoing change in ownership. The proposition passed with 65 percent of the vote.

Proponents of Proposition 13 cited the \$6 billion state surplus as evidence of overtaxation and claimed that without the bill, property owners would eventually be unable to afford their property taxes. Opponents of the tax argued that the bill was unfair to renters because it only offered tax relief to owners, that it would take funds away from publicly funded government services, and that it would cause hundreds of thousands of job losses statewide. Proposition 13 continues to be a source of debate because new owners typically pay higher taxes than previous owners.

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1965

The San Francisco Chronicle and San Francisco Examiner publish series of stories about the inconsistent assessment of property taxes due to assessors accepting bribes.

1967	Assembly Bill 80, the Petris-Knox Bill, passes requiring county assessors to reassess property at 25 percent of market value during the following three years and to do frequent reassessments to maintain the 25 percent ratio.
1973	Ronald Reagan's Proposition 1 to limit state spending fails to pass in California.
1973-1977	California enters a period of rapid housing inflation, resulting in ever increasing property taxes.
1978	California's estimated budget surplus is \$6 billion.
1978	Voters approve Proposition 13 on June 6th and it becomes a California constitutional amendment.

For further information about Proposition 13, see Frank Levy, *On Understanding Proposition 13* (Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute, 1979).

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Collection Arrangement

The original order of the collection has been maintained. The creator arranged the collection alphabetically according to subject.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

- Jarvis, Howard.
- Gann, Paul,--1912-1989.
- California. Proposition 13 (1978)--Archives.
- Property tax--California--Archives.
- Referendum--California--Archives.
- Elections--California--Archives.
- California--Politics and government--Archives.

Genres and Formats of Materials

- Campaign literature--California--20th century.

Box : Folder 1 : **1American Federation of Teachers of University of California clippings and memoranda 1978**

Box : Folder 1 : **2Anderson, Jack: clippings and correspondence 1978**

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Washington, D.C. newspaper columnist.

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Box : Folder 1 : ~~6~~**Association of California School Administrators announcements, bulletins and other materials 1978**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~7~~**Bank of America report, newsletter and other materials 1978**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~8~~**Behr, Peter H.: report 1978**

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Former California Senator for Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties.

Box : Folder 1 : ~~9~~**Berkeley (California) City Manager memorandum 1978**

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Former Governor of California.

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- Box : Folder 1 : **2California voters pamphlet 1978 June 6**
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- Box : Folder 1 : **3Claremont Men's College: Center for Study of Law Structures conference paper and correspondence 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **3Common Cause reports and correspondence 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **3Contra Costa Taxpayers Association report 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **3Council of State Governments newsletters 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **3Davis, Skaggs & Co., Inc.: Investment Research memorandum 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **3Democratic Party newsletter 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **3East Bay Regional Park District reports and clippings 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4The Equity Effects of Restraints on Taxing and Spending: report 1980**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Fiscal Limitation Movement bibliography and correspondence 1978-1979**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Forecasting Local Government Budgets: report 1979**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Friedman, Milton: pamphlets, articles and other materials 1973-1978**
 - Biography/Organization History**
 - Awarded 1976 Nobel Prize for economic science.
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Hayward (California) City Manager memorandum 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Henry George School of Social Science newsletters 1979**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Impact on arts: report 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Impact on education: reports and clippings 1978-1979 undated**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Impact on libraries: articles, newsletters and other materials 1978-1979**
- Box : Folder 1 : **4Impact on museums: article 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **5Impact on renters: article 1978**
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- Box : Folder 1 : **55 Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley: surveys and correspondence 1978-1979**
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- Box : Folder 1 : **57 Jarvis, Howard: article 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **58 Jarvis, Howard: lists and form letters to citizens groups involved in Proposition 13 undated**
- Box : Folder 1 : **59 Laguna Beach, California: dialogue on schools announcements 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **60 League of California Cities newsletters 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **61 League of California Cities reports, memoranda and other materials 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **62 League of Women Voters of California report undated**
- Box : Folder 1 : **63 League of Women Voters of Orange County pamphlets, report and other materials 1978 undated**
- Box : Folder 1 : **64 League of Women Voters of Salinas (California) resolution and pamphlet circa 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **65 Liberty Lobby mailings 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **66 Librarians Guild: AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) Communicator newsletter 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **67 Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce: testimonies, report and other materials 1977-1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **68 Los Angeles Civic Center News newspaper 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **69 Los Angeles County Federation of Republican Women newsletter, ephemera and other materials 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **70 Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc. pamphlet 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **71 Mental Health Association in California memoranda and correspondence 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **72 Miscellaneous articles 1978-1980**
- Box : Folder 1 : **73 Miscellaneous correspondence 1978**
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- Box : Folder 1 : **75 National Association of Counties report and correspondence 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **76 National Association of Realtors reports and correspondence 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **77 National Tax Association -- Tax Institute of America: brochure, correspondence and other materials 1978 undated**
- Box : Folder 1 : **78 National Tax-Limitation Committee correspondence 1978**
- Box : Folder 1 : **79 National Taxpayers Union mailings undated**
- Box : Folder 1 : **80 No on Proposition 13 Committee press releases, newsletters and other materials 1978**

- Box : Folder 1 : ~~8~~Orange County (California) Citizens Direction Finding Commission report 1978
- Box : Folder 1 : ~~8~~Orange County (California) Employees Association newsletter 1978
- Box : Folder 1 : ~~8~~Orange County (California) Renters Association clippings and correspondence 1978
- Box : Folder 1 : ~~8~~Peace and Freedom Party brochure, ephemera and other materials 1978 undated
- Box : Folder 1 : ~~8~~Prop. 13 Impact Reporter newsletters 1978-1979
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- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~Public Citizen's Tax Reform Research Group newsletter and report 1978
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- Box : Folder 2 : ~~3~~Republican Associates mailing and correspondence 1978 undated
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~4~~Republican Central Committee of Orange County (California) correspondence 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~5~~Research conference on Proposition 13: reports, memoranda and other materials 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~6~~San Diego Taxpayers' Association newsletters 1978-1980
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~7~~San Joaquin County (California) Employees Association reports, volunteer forms and other materials 1978 undated
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~8~~San Mateo County (California) No on 13 Committee press release 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~9~~Scholarly articles 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~Security First Marketing Corporation mailing 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO/CLC flier and correspondence 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~Tax Foundation, Inc. newsletters 1978-1980
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~Tax Revolt Digest newsletter 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~Tax revolt: international clippings 1979
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~United Way of California report 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~United Organizations of Taxpayers petition, ephemera and other materials 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~University of California, Institute of Governmental Studies questionnaires, mailing lists and other materials 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~University of California, Irvine Medical Center clippings, minutes and other materials 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~1~~University of California, Irvine questionnaires to Orange County libraries 1978
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~2~~University of California, Los Angeles Business Forecasting Project reports, correspondence and other materials
1978-1979
- Box : Folder 2 : ~~2~~Note No on 13 Committee fliers, mailing lists and other materials 1978

Box : Folder 2 : ~~22~~**Lasconcellos, John: newsletter 1978**

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Former representative for the 23rd Assembly District of California.

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