



BHC-MSS 0199

Guide to the Local and State Campaign Ephemera Material Collection  
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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Palmquist, David

**Title:** Local and State Campaign Ephemera Material Collection

**Dates:** 1984-1986

**Quantity:** .5 linear feet

**Abstract.** Featuring campaign material for mayoral, state, and national campaigns, this collection offers a snapshot of pressing issues for Bridgeporters in the mid-1980s. The material related to the mayoral primary and final campaign is of particular note thanks to the presence of Charles Tisdale's material including endorsements, material for Spanish speaking voters, and more.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Bridgeport History Center

**Biographical History:**

This artificial collection, gathered by archivist David Palmquist, focuses on local and state political campaigns in the mid-1980s. While there is some focus on the issues facing Bridgeport and the state at the time, with emphasis on taxes and education, it is mostly informative in exploring how campaigns were conducted before the age of digital media. Flyers, bumper stickers, and even pens are present in the collection.

The most voluminous material relates to the mayoral primary and mayoral race in 1985. The primary material includes material from Charles Tisdale, who had previously served in President Carter's administration and was an active player in Bridgeport politics. He is one of the few candidates whose campaign ephemera includes Spanish language material. Tisdale later served in the administration of that year's winner, Tom Bucci.

Also present is campaign material for Margaret Morton, an important state representative for Bridgeport who was the first Black woman to serve in the Connecticut General Assembly. There is also a campaign flyer for Alyce Laurayne Farrar-James, a member of a well-known African American Bridgeport area family.

**Scope and Content note:**

Collection features campaign mailing material, handbills, bumper stickers, and similar items. In the case of Charles Tisdale's material, there is an additional speech he delivered.

**Arrangement Note:**

Material has been arranged into four series: the 1985 Democratic mayoral primary, the 1985 mayoral campaign and other Bridgeport elections, state elections, and congressional and

presidential elections. Material is arranged by surname of candidate.

**Administrative information:**

**Provenance:** 1980s, collected by archivist David Palmquist

**Preferred Citation:**

Local and State Campaign Ephemera Material Collection (BHC-MSS 0199), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

**Names and Subject Tracings**

**Detailed box/folder listing**

Box 1

Series I, 1985 Democratic mayoral primaries

1. Tom Bucci
2. Lenny Crone
3. John Mandanici
4. Charles Tisdale

Series II, 1985 Mayoral election, other Bridgeport elections

5. Tom Bucci
6. Len Paoletta
7. Len Paoletta
8. Black Rock town committee, 1986

Series III, State elections

9. Casey Daily, 1984-1986
10. Margaret Morton, 1986
11. Howard Owens, 1986
12. Lee Samowitz, 1984-1986
13. Lee Scarpetti, 1984-1986
14. Other state campaigns, 1984-1986

Series IV, Congressional and presidential

15. Regan/Bush campaign material, 1984
16. Stewart McKinney, 1984-1986
17. Congressional campaigns, 1984-1986