



BHC-MSS 0205

Guide to the Records of the Republican Action League

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Republican Action League

Title: Records of the Republican Action League

Dates: 1969-1971

Quantity: .8 linear feet 1 ½ manuscript box

Abstract. The Republican Action League was founded by Bridgeport Republicans in 1969. As per their leadership guide, they cite the charter revision committee's mostly Democratic composition, as well as a sense of one-party domination in the city. This collection contains a brief overview of their activities through clippings and some documents they created for the public.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

The Republican Action League was founded by Bridgeport Republicans in 1969. As per their leadership guide, they cite the charter revision committee's mostly Democratic composition, as well as a sense of one-party domination in the city. As such, their goals were to expand the party base in the city, as well as rebuke then party leader A. Edward Sandula.

Nicholas Panuzio (Mayor, 1971-1975) and Hames Stapleton were the original co-chairs of the organization and were active throughout the group's lifespan. They focused much of their efforts in Bridgeport's various districts to get Republican support, and hopefully elect Republicans to the state government, with mixed success.

They printed handouts and ran meetings, campaigned against the existing party machinery, and were an active political force.

It is unclear when the group disbanded.

Scope and Content note:

Material provides insight into both the reason for the group's founding, material they created to promote their ideas, and news coverage of the organization.

Arrangement Note:

Material in series I contains documents arranged as an alphabetical subject file series. Series II contains clippings.

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1975.20, gift of Anita Vogel

Preferred Citation:

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Names and Subject Tracings

Corporate names

Republican Action League

Subject tracings

Politics

Republican Party

Detailed box/folder listing

Box 1

Series I, Documents

1. Correspondence, 1969
2. Statements and releases, 1969-1970
3. Handouts, 1969-1971
4. Leader's manual and internal memos, 1969-1971
5. Research, West Side Redistricting Project

Series II, Clippings

1. Clippings, 1969-1971
2. Clippings, 1969-1971
3. Clippings, 1969-1971
4. Clippings, 1969-1971