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Carole Powell Papers

Accession Number: 1991-1

Fonds/Provenance: **D. Carole Powell**

Series Number: -

Title: **Carole Powell Papers**

Date Range: 1988 – 1991

Extent: 4 lf (4 boxes)

Location: K1G – K2A (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf G – Row K, Bay 2, Shelf A)

Collection History:

The collection consists of records of Carole Powell, former treasurer of Lesbian & Gay Voter Impact. D. Carole Powell was born in January, 1946 in Pensacola, Florida. For a time she was co-owner of a women's bookstore in Nashville, Tennessee. From June of 1989 to May of 1991 she was Gerber/Hart's treasurer when she resigned that position to move back to Pensacola. During her two years on Gerber/Hart's board of directors, Carole was also the chair of the fundraising committee and sat on the finance committee.

While in Chicago, Carole was involved in many political-related activities. She was on the board of directors of IMPACT Illinois, Inc. and of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force (IGLTF). She also organized the "From the Lakefront to the River: Building Progressive Power" conference, held at Truman College on May 21, 1988 to set an agenda for action for North Lakefront progressives. In early 1989, she was hired to serve as an assistant to the Director for Mayor Eugene Sawyer's campaign and was charged with focusing her attention towards recruiting voters for Mayor Sawyer from gays, lesbians, women and other lakefront voters. In addition, Carole worked for Dr. Ron Sable in his bid for an aldermanic seat in 1991.

Powell was one of Gerber/Hart's leading donors. In the late 1980s, she started a program whereby she allowed Gerber/Hart volunteers to charge books for the library to her account at Women and Children First Bookstore. The program waned, but was revived by Karen Sendziak (Gerber/Hart Archives Committee Chair) and Carole in November of 1990. From November of 1990 to December of 1995, Carole purchased \$2,129.77 worth of new books for Gerber/Hart's collections. She was also a Gerber/Hart "sustainer" in 1992 and 1993, donating \$1,200 in each of those years to the organization. She continues to purchase tickets to the fall fundraiser, even though she lives in Washington.

[Additional biographical information about Powell can be found within the administration folder for 1991-1]

Custodial History:

The collection was donated in May, 1991 by Carole Powell. It was noted as in “Good” condition.

Scope and Content:

Collection contains approximately two linear feet (4 document cases) of notes, minutes, financial materials, advertising, photocopies of press releases, mailing lists, voter registration forms, etc. regarding the work and professional relationships of Carole Powell. Other materials included are those relevant to the organization IMPACT Inc.; general information regarding organizations and projects related to Carole Powell’s work for lesbian and gay political issues; and documents regarding Powell’s appointment as assistant to the Director for Mayor Eugene Sawyer’s 1989 campaign for re-election.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged topically by a prior consulting archivist in 1996.

Series:

- 1 Voter Impact 1988 | Date Range: 1984 – 1989, bulk 1988
- 2 IMPACT Dinners | Date Range: 1988 – 1989, bulk, 1988
- 3 Outreach | Date Range: 1988
- 4 Related Organizations & Projects | Date Range: 1984 – 1988, bulk 1988
- 5 Personal | Date Range: 1988 – 1990
- 6 Miscellaneous | Date Range: 1988 – 1990

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/Folder List:

- 0. Finding Aid**
- 1. Voter Impact 1988**
 - 1. Voter IMPACT Report, 1988
 - 2. June 1988 Registration Reports

3. July 1988 Registration Reports
4. July 1988 Registration Reports (cont.)
5. August 1988 Registration Reports
6. August 1988 Registration Reports (cont.)
7. September Registration Reports
8. September Registration Reports (cont.)
9. September Registration Reports (cont.)
10. Audit Sheets From 9/29, Not Counted
11. Audit Sheets From 9/29, Not Counted (cont.)
12. Audit Sheets From 9/29, Not Counted (cont.)
13. Miscellaneous Registration Records, July 11 – September 20, 1988

BOX 2

1. **Voter Impact 1988 [cont.]**
 14. Suburban Cook County Registration Reports, July 15 – October 4, 1988
 15. Miscellaneous Regarding Voter IMPACT Work in the 44th Ward, August 26, 1988 – March 5, 1989 & Undated
 16. Statistics Regarding Numbers of Registered and Non-Registered Voters in Wards, February 2, 1987 – November 15, 1988 & Undated
 17. Materials Regarding Deputy Registrars, June 13 – September 19, 1988
 18. Materials Regarding Deputy Registrars (cont.), September 21 – February 16, 1989 & Undated
 19. Gays and Lesbians For Harold Washington Mailing List, Undated
 20. Gays and Lesbians For Harold Washington Mailing List (cont.), Undated
 21. Election Results For Mayor Eugene Sawyer, February 28, 1989 & Undated
 22. Financial Records, April 14, 1989 & Undated

23. Calendars and Work Schedules, July – October 1988
24. Statistical Material 1984-88 (Computer Disks)
25. Statistical Materials From 1984 and 1988 Elections, November 14, 1984-November 28, 1988
26. Artwork, Undated
27. Funding Proposal, August 12, 1988
28. Proposed Guidelines For Data Collection, Maintenance & Utilization, Undated
29. Miscellaneous Audit Report Copies and Registration Forms, September 2 – October 4, 1988
30. Miscellaneous Handouts, June 13 – August 24, 1988 & Undated
31. Materials Regarding In-Precinct Day and Site Registration, June 25 0 October 11, 1988 & Undated
32. Materials Regarding Organization Structure, Undated

BOX 3

1. **Voter Impact 1988 [cont.]**
 33. Audit Summaries For PROCAN Voter Registration Funding, July 8 – August 26, 1988 & Undated
2. **IMPACT Dinners**
 34. Illinois Democratic Party Unity Dinner Manual and Expense Report, 1988
 35. Art For 1989 (2nd Annual) Dinner, Undated
 36. 1989 Printouts For Seating, February 21, 1989 & Undated
 37. Materials For 1989 Program, February 12, 1988-February 24, 1989 & Undated
 38. Hotel Information Collected For 1989 Dinner, Undated
 39. Miscellaneous Regarding 1989 (2nd Annual) Dinner, November 15, 1988-March 25, 1989 & Undated

- 40. Miscellaneous Regarding 1989 (2nd Annual) Dinner, (cont.), Undated
- 41. Materials Regarding 1991 (4th Annual) Dinner, June 14-September 4, 1990 & Undated

3. Outreach

- 42. Information Regarding Bars, May 26-June 2, 1988
- 43. Information File Regarding Religious Organizations, September 18, 1988 & Undated
- 44. Information File Regarding Social Organizations, July- August 20, 1988 & Undated
- 45. Information File Regarding Sports Associations, June 1988 & Undated
- 46. Public Service Announcements, Undated
- 47. Press Releases and News Coverage, September 14, 1986-October 9, 1988 & Undated
- 48. Materials Used For Organizational Outreach, April-October 1988

4. Related Organizations and Projects

- 49. Materials Regarding The Chicago Voter Registration Coalition, June 15-September 16, 1988 & Undated
- 50. PROCAN Get Out The Vote Drive, September 26-October 21, 1988 & Undated
- 51. Midwest Lesbian Caucus and National Lesbian Agenda, November 29, 1988-February 26, 1989 & Undated
- 52. Project Vote Materials, November 20, 1984-August 1988 & Undated
- 53. Rally For Reform, May 23-June 2, 1988 & Undated

BOX 4

- 54. Miscellaneous Regarding Lakefront Conference at Truman College, March 15-June 14, 1988 & Undated
- 55. Income and Expense Records For Lakefront Conference, April 19-June 14, 1988 & Undated
- 56. Addresses and Phone Number For Lakefront Conference, September 19, 1988 & Undated
- 57. Registration Cards For Lakefront Conference, Undated

5. **Personal**

- 58. Memos and Communication, August 12-October 21, 1988 & Undated
- 59. Letters of Resignation, September 16, 1990 & Undated
- 60. Lorie Dittman and Carole Powell For Mayor Sawyer's Campaign, February 9, 1989 & Undated
- 61. Reports Regarding Mayor Sawyer's Record, Undated
- 62. Correspondence From Art Johnson, October 18-November 26, 1990
- 63. Thomas Tunney Materials, April 18, 1990 & Undated

6. **Miscellaneous**

- 64. By-Laws For IMPACT Illinois, Inc., April 1, 1990 Revision
- 65. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, August 7, 1990
- 66. AIDS Information, July 9-11, 1988
- 67. Mailing List From The Haymarket Group, Ltd., December 5, 1989
- 68. Mailing List From The Haymarket Group, Undated
- 69. Mailing List From The Haymarket Group, Undated

Separations:

One "Get Out The Vote" button sent to Special Collections Memorabilia Section

Three posters sent to Special Collections:

- One "Rally For Human Rights Ordinance" advertising poster
- One "Get up. Stand Up For Your Rights" LGVI poster
- One National Visibility Campaign For the Gay & Lesbian Vote poster

One folder containing six proof sheets and ten photos regarding and from the 1989 IMPACT Dinner sent to Special Collections

Restrictions:

As per donor instruction, researchers must fill out a researcher agreement form prior to using the materials contained in Series 1 of this collection. That series contains listings of people who registered with the LGVI project and, therefore, might be identified as gay and lesbian even though some of them may not be out. In addition, many addresses and phone numbers are included in these lists that should remain confidential. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H "Confidentiality Agreement" for archives use.)

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

AIDS

Gay activists

Illinois (U.S.)--Politics and Government

IMPACT Illinois, Inc.

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Midwest Lesbian Caucus

National Campaign For the Gay and Lesbian Vote

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