



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, OFFICE OF THE CITY  
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**TITLE:**

Office of the Mayor, Walter W. McAllister Records, 1961-1971

**DATES:**

1961-1971

**QUANTITY:**

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**LANGUAGES:**

English

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:**

Walter W. McAllister (1889-1984) was a prominent local San Antonio businessman and banker. He founded the San Antonio Savings Association in 1921. He also established the San Antonio Union Junior College District (now Alamo Community College) in 1945 and served as its first president. In 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed McAllister chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the federal agency supervising savings and loan associations. He served in Washington D.C. until 1956 and then returned to San Antonio. In 1960 he was appointed to the San Antonio City Council to fill an unexpired term and was elected Mayor in April, 1961. He was elected to five two year terms as mayor from 1961-1971. During his tenure as Mayor, San Antonio hosted the 1968 HemisFair World's Fair, which McAllister served as an honorary co-chairman along with Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez. He died in San Antonio in 1984 at the age of 95.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

Records document the Office of Mayor of the City of San Antonio during Walter W. McAllister tenure from 1961-1971. They include correspondence and subject files. From 1961-1963 the correspondence was filed chronologically and from 1966-1971 the correspondence was filed alphabetically by correspondent. Some

of the early correspondence also includes letters to the San Antonio City Council. The subject files are arranged alphabetically by topic. McAllister was a staunch conservative Republican and some of his correspondence reflects his strongly held views on topics of the day such as communism, race relations, labor issues, and the war in Vietnam. Of special interest is his correspondence with prominent Texas and national politicians, references to the HemisFair '68 World's Fair, and an itinerary and travelogue of a European vacation Mayor and Mrs. McAllister took to Europe in the fall of 1965.

**ARRANGEMENT:**

- I. Correspondence
    - A. General
    - B. Alphabetical
  - II. Subject files
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**RESTRICTIONS:**

Unrestricted access.

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**INDEX TERMS**

**Persons:**

- McAllister, Walter W., 1889-.
- Gonzalez, Henry B. (Henry Barbosa), 1916-2000.

**Organizations:**

- City Public Service Board of San Antonio, Texas.
- San Antonio City Water Board.
- Fiesta San Antonio Commission.
- San Antonio (Tex.).Urban Renewal Dept.
- San Antonio River Authority.
- Model Cities Program (San Antonio, Tex.).
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- San Antonio Transit System.

**Subjects:**

- HemisFair (1968: San Antonio, Tex.)
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