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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:
The City County Government Committee was created in 1994 through a coalition
of county and city official to help reduce overlap in services and to improve the
overall efficency of city and county government. The committee was directed by
a chairman, an executive committee, a board consisting of 60 members appointed
by Judge Cyndi Taylor Krier, Mayor Nelson Wolff and Councilman Howard
Peak, and general strategy and functional area task forces. William Sinkin was
named chairman and committee members were selected to represent a “broad
cross-section of the community.” To help ensure the committee maintained a
non-partisan perspective, no elected officials of either the city or county
government were appointed as members. The primary goal of the committee
was to study the existing structure of local government within Bexar County and
to develop recommendations to improve its structure. The committee studied
Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, and all the local governments and independent agencies within the county. The committee board served as a policymaking body for the committee and approved any recommendations before they were announced to the public. The committee pursued five basic goals: (1) to reduce the cost of city and county government by eliminating duplication between city and county functions and services; (2) to be sure that services are performed by the most appropriate level of local government (that is, the one with proper area jurisdiction, adequate legal authority, etc.); (3) to ensure that service levels were related to need, and that tax burdens were distributed fairly among city and county taxpayers; (4) ensure that the structure of government encouraged citizen control and made elected officials accountable for their performance; and (5) to be sure that local government encouraged citizen involvement and responded to citizen initiatives and requests.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:
The collection was originally housed at the San Antonio Central Library Genealogy/Texana Room until it was transferred to the San Antonio Municipal Archives in 2009. The collection is composed of two series, the committee records of Theresa K. Giolma (4 ft.), one of the Executive Board members of the Committee from 1994-1995, and 10 ft. of records from the office of Bill Sinkin, chairman of the executive committee. Records include correspondence, reports, consolidation case studies, financial records, legislative materials, numbered reference documents and audio and videotapes that document the activities of the committee.

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I. Theresa Giolma Records
II. Bill Sinkin Records

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