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**CREATOR:**

City of San Antonio, Office of the Mayor.  
Callaghan, Alfred, 1890-1959.

**TITLE:**

Office of the Mayor, Alfred Callaghan Records, 1947-1949

**DATES:**

1947-1949

**QUANTITY:**

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**LANGUAGES:**

English

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:**

Alfred Callaghan (1890-1959) was the son and grandson of two former San Antonio Mayors — Bryan Callaghan (terms served from 1846-1847) and Bryan Callaghan, Jr. (terms served from 1885-1892, 1897-1899, and 1905-1912).

Prior to becoming Mayor, Alfred Callaghan served as Commissioner of Taxation in 1943 (Ordinance 3017, May 11, 1943 election, in City Council [Ordinance Book K](#), page 528) and 1945 (Ordinance 2093, May 8, 1945 election, in City Council [Ordinance Book M](#), page 454). Callaghan was elected Mayor in 1947 in a runoff election (Ordinance 5082, May 13, 1947 election, in City Council [Ordinance Book P](#), page 262), defeating both incumbent Mayor Gus Mauermann and former Mayor Maury Maverick.

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

Records include subject correspondence files that document the administration of Alfred Callaghan from 1947-1949. Subjects include the controversy surrounding the city annexation of land, implementation of new traffic regulations, welcoming home World War II veterans, and controlling the spread of tuberculosis. The records also include assorted newsletters, plans, newspapers, brochures, and reports and financial statements of the City Public Service Board.

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**INDEX TERMS****Persons:**

Callaghan, Alfred, 1890-1959.

**Organizations:**

Office of the Mayor—Texas—San Antonio.

San Antonio, (Tex.). Mayor.

San Antonio Zoological Society.

City Public Service Board of San Antonio, Texas.

**Subjects:**

La Villita (San Antonio, Tex.).

Public health--Texas--San Antonio.

Public utilities – Texas – San Antonio – Statistics.

Stinson Airport (San Antonio, Tex.)—History.

Texas Municipal League

Tuberculosis—Prevention and control—Texas—San Antonio (Tex.).

World War II—Texas—San Antonio (Tex.).

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**INVENTORY:**

**Location      Contents**

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    “A Proposal of the San Antonio Medical Foundation for the  
    Conversion of the old San Antonio Arsenal into a Medical  
    Center and a New Medical School of the University of  
    Texas,” booklet, illustrated, spiral-bound  
Case F-43368, Allen B. Crow vs. City of San Antonio  
City Water Board, 1947-1948  
    “Extracts from Rules and Regulations of the City Water Board,”  
    40-page booklet, April 1934  
La Villita, 1947-1949  
League of Texas Municipalities, 1947-1949  
Legislation, 1948-1949  
    Police and Fire salaries and working hours  
    Property values and taxes  
    Fresh water improvement, conservation, drainage and  
    public health  
Municipal Advertising Commission, 1948  
    5<sup>th</sup> Municipal Advertising Commission report,  
    January 14, 1948 – May 31, 1949  
    Meeting minutes of the Municipal Advertising  
    Commission, 1949  
    July, September, December  
    “San Antonio: Sunny City of Romance,” brochure, ca. 1947  
    “San Antonio’s La Villita,” brochure, June 1948  
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        Mailed Petitions, for relief of congestion by opening up Main  
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    Bexar County Tuberculosis Association booklet, "Like a Sore  
        Thumb" [ca. 1944]  
    City County Tuberculosis Control Board, quarterly reports  
U.S.O. building, 1947  
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## II. Assorted materials

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    "The Prohibition of Curb Parking," 1948  
    "Zoning Applied to Parking," 1947  
"Rackets" [newsletter published by the Vigilance Committee, a local  
    consumer advocacy organization], 1947  
City Public Service Board  
    "A Statement Regarding Electric Rate Schedules," 1947  
    Construction budget for fiscal year August 2, 1947 thru August  
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    Report from the General Manager, E.H. Kifer, June, 1947  
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        1, 1949

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