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**CREATOR:**

City of San Antonio, Office of the Mayor.  
Mauermann, Gus Bernard, 1887 – 1964.

**TITLE:**

Office of the Mayor, Gus B. Mauermann Records, 1942-1947

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:**

Gus Bernard Mauermann (1887-1964) served two terms during World War II as Mayor of San Antonio. When Mayor C.K. Quin resigned before the end of his elected term, Mauermann was appointed as Mayor to fill the unexpired term by City Council on January 14, 1943, as designated by Ordinance 1956 (City Council [Ordinance Book K](#), page 450). He was elected Mayor at the May 8, 1945 election, as designated by Ordinance 2093 (City Council [Ordinance Book M](#), page 454). Mauermann was born into a prominent San Antonio family that was known for its large 7,500 acre ranch on Lake Travis outside of Austin. He began his career as an attorney and helped organize the State Democratic Convention in 1944, and also served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The collection includes correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, and maps documenting Mauermann's two terms as Mayor of San Antonio. A majority of the documents are correspondence between Mauermann and various public and private individuals on a variety of municipal issues, including the controversy to annex areas surrounding San Antonio, procuring monies for the expansion and renovation of Stinson Field, the creation of public housing projects, and assimilating of and commemorating returning World War II veterans.

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

Mauermann, Gus Bernard, 1887-1964.

**Organizations:**

La Villita Historic District (San Antonio, Tex.)

San Antonio City Water Board

San Antonio Housing Authority

**Subjects:**

Office of the Mayor—Texas—San Antonio

Annexation (municipal government)—Texas—San Antonio metropolitan area.

Stinson Field (San Antonio, Tex.).

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Housing reports  
    Greater San Antonio Housing Inventory Analysis, San Antonio  
    City-County Planning Committee, 1945

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San Antonio Housing Authority—Annual report  
1945-1946

"Housing Goals: Finding the Facts and Measuring the Need in  
American Cities," 1945

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"The Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways," 1947

"The Organization of Official Traffic Agencies in Cities and  
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"Keep Customers Coming: Practical Suggestions for Obtaining  
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Traffic maps (two) of San Antonio, ca. 1940s

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"The Taxicab Industry," magazine, November, 1946

Citizens' Dinner honoring Gus B. Mauermann, program and  
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Memorial Hall of WWII for Southwest Texas brochure, 1945

"Circular of Information Containing a Reprint of Portions of the  
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Fee List and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water  
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"Twentieth Report to Congress on Lend-Lease Operations," 1945

Planning Board of San Antonio and Bexar County, Texas, 1945

Meeting minutes

Preliminary Report on Outlet Canal for Mitchell Lake, 1947

Willow Springs Golf Course

Daily statement of collections

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Membership Tournament advertisement, 1946

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