McAllister was appointed to the San Antonio City Council in Place No. 8 on September 8, 1960 by Ordinance 28841 (in City Council Ordinance Book KK,
page 51), to fill the vacancy created by the death of Theo W. Pinson, Jr. McAllister was elected to five sequential two-year terms as Mayor, from 1961-1971. He was elected to his first two-year term (1961-1963) as Mayor in the April 4, 1961 election, as designated by Ordinance 29374 (April 5, 1961, in City Council Ordinance Book KK, page 545). He was elected to his second two-year term (1963-1965) in the April 2, 1963 election, as designated by Ordinance 31244 (April 3, 1963, City Council Ordinance Book NN, page 65). He was elected to his third two-year term (1965-1967) in the April 6, 1965 election, as designated by Ordinance 33189A, April 7, 1965. He was elected to his fourth two-year term (1967-1969) in the April 4, 1967 election, as designated by Ordinance 35301, April 5, 1967. He was elected to his fifth and final two-year term (1969-1971) in the April 1, 1969 election, as designated by Ordinance 37392, April 7, 1969. During his tenure as Mayor, San Antonio hosted the 1968 HemisFair World’s Fair, a pivotal event for the city in the areas of economic and urban development, and community relations. McAllister served as an honorary co-chairman of HemisFair ’68, along with Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez. McAllister died in San Antonio in 1984 at the age of 95.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:
Records document the Office of the Mayor of the City of San Antonio during Walter W. McAllister’s tenure from 1961-1971. The arrangement follows the original office filing system in the Mayor McAllister’s office. In most cases, original folder titles have been retained. The records include correspondence and subject files. The content of the records reflects the predominant topics of the day, such as communism, race relations, labor issues, and urban development.

I-A. Correspondence General: From 1961-1963, the correspondence was filed chronologically. The correspondence includes letters to the San Antonio City Council. The bulk of the correspondence is from local citizens, business people, and organizations and covers a wide variety of topics. Persons, organizations and topics of note are listed within the inventory.

I-B. Correspondence Alphabetical. From 1966-1971, McAllister’s office filed correspondence alphabetically by correspondent or organization. Of special interest is his correspondence with prominent local, state and national politicians. A prevalent topic is the preparations for and issues related to the HemisFair ’68 World’s Fair. Correspondents are many local San Antonio
businessmen and state, national and international holders of political office. The content reflects political topics of the day and McAllister’s community affiliations, activities, and political agendas. While there are many notable correspondents from all levels of social and political life, the most widely recognizable of these are indicated by name within the inventory.

II. Subject Files. The subject files are arranged alphabetically by topic. The series consists primarily of correspondence, planning and organizational documents and reports. Some of the well-represented topics are: the HemisFair ’68 World’s Fair and the construction of the HemisFair Tower; urban renewal and development; and integration, race relations and police activity. This series also includes an itinerary and extensive travelogue of a European vacation Mayor and Mrs. McAllister took to Europe in the fall of 1965.

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  Model Cities Program (San Antonio, Tex.)
San Antonio (Tex.). Police Dept.
San Antonio Transit System.

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