

Finding Aid to the Fargo Citizens for City Management Records

Fargo Citizens for City Management

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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

Fargo Citizens for City Management was an organization started in 1953 by a small group of citizens concerned about keeping the city manager position in city government. Headed by chairman Mart R. Vogel, the F.C.C.M. distributed literature and gave speeches promoting the city manager's position while running against opposition from the Civic Betterment League. The heated battle, complete with mudslinging pros and cons, came to an end with the city election of March 3, 1953 in which the city manager plan was voted down by 620 votes (4,377 "No" to 3,757 "Yes" votes). As a result of the election, city manager James P. Dunn lost his post, and the city reverted to the commission form of government.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Fargo Citizens for City Management records are divided into four series - Literature, Public Addresses, Correspondence, and Newspaper Clippings. The **Literature Series** contains pamphlets and information about the city manager plan. The **Public Addresses Series** contains Vogel's speeches and radio programs in favor of the city manager plan. The **Correspondence Series** contains incoming and outgoing correspondence of chairman Mart Vogel. The **Newspaper Clippings Series** contains various opinion, interview, and advertisement clippings.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box/Folder	Content
1/1	Finding aid
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1/3	Public Addresses Series
1/4	Correspondence Series
1/5	Newspaper Clippings Series