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➤ **Linda Furney City Council Files, 1984-1986** ◀

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Collection Summary: Collection consists mainly of correspondence, printed material, notes, and legal documents generated by Linda Furney, members of City Council, and the community. Topics include City Council, city services, community development, the National League of Cities, natural resources, planning, the Port Authority, public safety, public service, public utilities, and the Toledo Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Subjects: [Civic Interests](#), [Municipal Government](#), [Politics and Government](#), and [Women](#)

Related Collections: The Ohio Senate files of Linda Furney MSS-134, and the Toledo NOW papers MSS-035.

Processing Note: Wherever possible, the materials in this collection have been kept under their original folder titles as created by Linda Furney and her office staff and arranged in chronological order within each folder. To further facilitate the use of this collection, the materials have been arranged into series according to the department or City Council Committee under which they were generated.

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Biographical Sketch

A native of Toledo, Linda Furney attended Sylvania High School and earned a Bachelors in Science in Education from Bowling Green State University in 1969. She began her career as an English teacher at Whitmer High School in Toledo until 1972, when she taught at American School in Rio de Janiero, Brazil for two years. When she returned to the United States in 1975, she entered the Holiday Inn management program. Two years later, she resumed her teaching career in Springfield Local Schools as a Vocational Home Economics teacher.

Furney's political career began in 1979 when she was elected President of Ohio National Organization for Women. She was also elected to the Toledo Board of Education in 1982 and to Toledo City Council in 1983. She began her first term as Ohio Senator in 1986, winning re-election for four consecutive terms.

As Ohio Senator, Furney has been ardent in expressing her family and community orientated concerns for Toledoans' quality of life in the Senate. She has focused her work on environment, education, labor, and women and children's health issues, introducing ten bills in her first term including Senate Bill 110 which requires educational materials and textbooks for school districts and nonpublic schools to be free of sex bias and sex-role stereotypes, Senate Bill 224 which extends the protection of Ohio's law against age discrimination to people over 70 years of age, and Senate Bill 314, which restricts importation of out of state hazardous waste.

Senator Furney's civic interests can also be seen in the Senate and special committees which she has served on, and the organizations with which she is affiliated. She is the ranking minority member of Education, Retirement and Aging Senate Committee, and serves on the Senate Finance Committee, Reference and Oversight Committee, and Rules Committee. She has also served on the Legislative Committee for Education Oversight, Education Goals and Strategies Commission, Governor's Task Force on Head Start, and National Conference of State Legislators. She is the project director of Ohio's Investing in People Project, a School-To-Work effort, which promotes the coordination of all School To Work Programs statewide and provides vocational education experience for Toledo's students to effectively compete in the workplace. She is also the facilitator for Ohio Women and Children's Budget Coalition, is active in Ohio Democratic Party, ACLU, AAUW and is a life member of NAACP and NOW.

As a result of Senator Furney's activism and involvement in the community, she has earned the Foundation Award from the ACLU of Ohio, the Citizen Award from the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children, the Stanley K. Levinson Award from Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio, and Special Recognition from the Lucas County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

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Scope and Content Note

The City Council Files consist mainly of correspondence, printed material, notes and legal documents generated by Linda Furney, members of City Council and the community. Although some files overlap, they have been arranged into 17 series according to subject or the department under which the materials were generated: **S1. City Council, S2. City Services, S3. Community Development, S4. Correspondence, S5. ESM, S6. Finance, S7. Health, S8. Law, S9. National League of Cities, S10. Natural Resources, S11. Personnel, S12. Planning, S13. Port Authority, S14. Public Safety, S15. Public Services, S16. Public Utilities, and S17. Toledo Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau.**

The materials in the first series, **City Council**, consist of City Council meeting minutes in 1986, mayoral appointments, and files documenting Toledo's push to change the city charter and create a strong mayor.

The second series, **City Services**, is a small series consisting of City Services Committee Meetings and information pertaining to a TARTA levy.

The third series, **Community Development**, is comprised of materials relating to nuisance abatement, zoning, building, maintenance, inspection and neighborhood planning. Most notable in this series are the materials relating to business and area revitalization, including the files on Community Redevelopment Areas, Kopper's Coke Plant, and Seagate Community Revitalization.

One of the largest series, **Correspondence**, is comprised of letters written by members of the Toledo community. The correspondence range from issues with zoning, police and fire, planning and public utilities, as well as resumes and job recommendations. Many of the correspondence overlap with other series in this collection, but have been maintained in their separate series as created by Linda Furney's office.

The fifth series, **ESM**, follows the 1985 economic crisis when the city of Toledo lost nineteen million dollars in investments after a Florida securities trading house collapsed. The four files in this series consist of correspondence between members of the community and Linda Furney, information regarding the mayor and city council's response to the crisis, legal opinions and charter changes, press releases and newspaper clippings.

The sixth series, **Finance**, covers audits, the city's various budgets, Linda Furney's monthly expenses while in office, and various divisions of the Department of Finance such as Accounts, Debt and Risk Management, Management Services, and the Taxation and Treasury Divisions.

The seventh and smallest series, **Health**, is comprised of a TAGRA study on health and papers relating to Toledo Veterinarians.

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The eighth series -- **Law** -- is comprised of various files from the Department of Law, relating to House Bill 176 on Sovereign Immunity, legal opinions and other legislative bills concerning the city of Toledo.

The ninth series, **The National League of Cities**, is an organization concerned with the economic development of Toledo. Included in these files are various printed materials concerning state and local policies as well as women in government.

The tenth series, **Natural Resources**, includes files on parks, recreation and special projects. The materials in this series covers individual parks such as Crosby Gardens, Ottawa Park and Promenade Park, as well as special events such as Hands Across America.

The eleventh series, **Personnel**, covers human resource files in the city of Toledo. Materials cover affirmative action, health plans, insurance costs and various labor contracts with city workers.

The twelfth series, **Planning**, is comprised of the various city, county and neighborhood projects for the development of the community. Some of the materials cover downtown development, Grove Patterson Park, and the Westwood extension.

The thirteenth series, **Port Authority**, is comprised of information, financial reports and meeting minutes relating to Port Authority.

The fourteenth series, **Public Safety**, consists of files pertaining to fire, police and emergency training.

The fifteenth series, **Public Service**, is comprised of files relating to the engineering and construction division which is concerned with the construction and maintenance of streets, curbs, bridges, harbors and sewers.

Some of the materials in the Public Services series overlaps with the sixteenth series, **Public Utilities** which covers administrative services, environmental services, sewer and drainage, solid waste, Toledo Edison and water.

The final series, **Toledo Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau**, covers the marketing of Toledo to tourists and various conventions as well as income and expenses generated by visitors to Toledo.

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