



TITLE: Forrest G. Priser papers

DATE RANGE: 1944-1959

CALL NUMBER: MS 1502

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (1 box)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Clovis Priser, 1978

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PREFERRED CITATION: Arizona Historical Society, Forrest Priser papers, MS 1502

PROCESSED BY: Collection was formerly in the small manuscripts collection under SMS 78. Tory Bellavance reprocessed the collection in 2018.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Forrest G. Priser served as council member of Tucson, Arizona from 1944 to 1952. In 1959, Priser's bid to be the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Tucson was threatened by a complaint filed by Democratic chairman, Edward S. Crehan, that Priser was ineligible to run for mayor that year because he claimed Priser had not lived within city limits for several months in 1956 and 1957. Because of this, it was argued that Priser did not fill the city charter requirement that a mayor must have been a city voter for three consecutive years prior to election. Priser's name was subsequently removed from the ballot, allowing incumbent Don Hummel to run unopposed in the Democratic primary. Although Priser appealed the Supreme Court to void the injunction barring him from running for mayor on the grounds that city charter requirement was unconstitutional, they refused, maintaining that he was ineligible for candidacy.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains an image of Forrest G. Priser, minutes of the Tucson city council meeting on December 6, 1951 as well as scanned newspaper clippings of civic issues and local politics from 1944 to 1951. The collection also includes a scrapbook that contains newspaper clippings of local political and civic issues with a focus on Mayor Don Hummel and Forrest G. Priser's personal political career.

SUBJECT TERMS: Tucson (Ariz.) -- Politics and government | Tucson (Ariz.) -- Officials and employees | Clippings files | Scrapbooks

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	City Council Meeting Minutes	1951
	2	Loose Clippings	1944-1952
	3	Loose Pages	1958-1959
	4	Scrapbook	1946-1959