

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES

**Guide to the Papers of
Sidney Kramer
1970-1974**

Record Group 2: County Council

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Born on July 8, 1925, in Washington, D.C., Sidney Kramer graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School in 1944 and entered George Washington University where he obtained baccalaureate degrees in physics and chemistry. In 1957, he became the owner and operator of Automatic Car Washes. When he moved to Montgomery County in 1960, Mr. Kramer joined and actively participated in the local parent-teacher associations, the Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce, and the Montgomery County Citizens Planning Association.

A life-long Democrat, Kramer served on the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee from 1965 to 1966. In the 1966 election, he lost a bid for a seat in the Montgomery County Council. In 1970, however, he successfully gained election to the Council and served as a member until 1974. In 1978, Kramer was elected to a seat in the Maryland State Senate where he served for eight years as Chairperson of the Montgomery County Delegation. In 1986, he returned to the County and subsequently defeated then-County Council Member David Scull in the race to become the third County Executive of Montgomery County.

EXTENT

1.33 cubic feet: 1 records box, 1 letter-size Hollinger box.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers in this collection cover the years Mr. Kramer served on the County Council, from 1970 to 1974. The collection consists of correspondence, public hearing records, and photographs. Topics discussed included public works projects, landlord-tenant relations, rent control, and consumer protection. The record group also contains personal calendars from 1971 to 1974.

The collection has been arranged into five series:

- Series I: Calendars
- Series II: Correspondence Files
- Series III: Landlord-Tenant Relations Files
- Series IV: Photographs
- Series V: Rent Control Files

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Calendars, 1971-1974

(1 file)

This series contains the appointment calendars of Sidney Kramer from 1971 to 1974. The calendars note both political and social meetings. The series is arranged chronologically.

Series II: Correspondence Files, 1970-1974

(1 cubic foot)

This series contains correspondence and newspaper clippings relating to budgetary matters, law

enforcement, and public works projects. The records also include biographical information on Mr. Kramer.

This series is arranged alphabetically, by subject.

Series III: Landlord-Tenant Relations Files, 1971-1973
(0.16 cubic feet)

This series contains constituent correspondence and response letters from Sidney Kramer's office. Topics discussed include landlord-tenant relations, rent control, and the proposed Landlord-Tenant Legislation Bill 19-71.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Series IV: Photographs, 1974
(1 file)

This series consists of one photograph dated January 29, 1974, depicting County Council Vice President Sidney Kramer as he officially files his candidacy for United States Congress in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District in Annapolis with the State Board of Elections. The photograph was removed to Record Group 19, Photographs.

Series V: Rent Control Files, 1973
(0.15 cubic feet)

This series is comprised of public hearing records and general correspondence concerning Bill 19-71, as well as a draft of the proposed legislation. Also included within the series is a July 1973 survey of apartment dwellings within Montgomery County.

Records in this series are arranged chronologically.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

This collection is open for research.

LANGUAGE

English.

PROVENANCE

The records were transferred in Accession #87-1, originally 13 cubic feet.

USING THESE RECORDS

To request records listed in this finding aid, the following information should be given to the archivist:

Record Group 2, **Records of Sidney Kramer**, Series Number and Name, Box Number and Folder Title(s).

The preferred citation for materials from these records is:

Montgomery County Archives; Gaithersburg, Maryland. Record Group 2: County Council.
Records Title: Records of Sidney Kramer. Series number and series name. Subseries number and subseries name, if applicable. Box number and folder title, if appropriate.

PROCESSING PROCEDURES

General processing procedures consisted of discarding duplicates, unnecessary binders, and routine transmittals. If records contained oversized documents and photographs, they were removed from the original location in their assigned series and placed in separate containers. Separation sheets would then be inserted in the original location within the folder to indicate the new location of any records placed elsewhere.

Preservation copying of newspaper clippings was performed whenever feasible. Records in folders were arranged, unless otherwise indicated, in forward chronological order, with undated records appearing at the end of the folder.

PROCESSING STAFF/FINDING AID AUTHOR
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BOX INVENTORY

Series I: Calendars

Box 1

Calendars, 1971-1974

Series II: Correspondence Files

(Box 1, cont.)

Agriculture, 1973

Airpark, 1971

Animal Boarding Places, 1972-1973

Animal Control, 1973-1974

Arcola and Kemp Mill Traffic Light, 1970-1973

Assessments, 1972

Board of Education, 1971-1974

Budget, 1974

Building Code, 1973

Condominiums, 1974

Consumer Protection, 1972-1974

Container Legislation, 1973-1974

Corrections-Detention Center, 1971

Courts, 1970-1974

Crime Conference, 1974

Drug Abuse, 1971-1973

Emergency Medical Service, 1973

Emergency Telephone Communication for the Deaf, 1973

Energy Crisis, 1973

Environmental Protection Department, 1971-1974

Financial Disclosure, 1973

Fire/Rescue, 1971-1974

Friendship Heights, 1973-1974

General, 1971-1974

Handicapped, 1972-1974

Health, 1972-1974

Holy Cross Hospital, 1973-1974

Housing, 1971-1972

Invitations, 1971-1974

Juveniles, 1971-1973

Landlord-Tenant, 1973-1974

Law Enforcement-Region IV LEAA, 1972-1974

Library, 1972-1974

Lora Mackie-BCC Rescue Squad, 1974

Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, 1972-1974

(Series II: Correspondence Files, Cont.)

(Box 1, cont.)

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 1972-1973
Metrorail, 1971-1974
Montgomery College, 1971-1973
Naval Ordnance Lab, 1971-1973
Outgoing [Correspondence], 1971 to 1974 (5 folders)
Parking, 1971-1972
Personal Correspondence, 1971-1974
Personal Papers, 1970-1974
Police, 1972-1974
Proclamations, 1972-1974
Public Works-Tilden Lane Bridge, 1970-1971
Recreation, 1974
Rent Relief, 1974
Rockville Freeway, 1972
Sewer Request-Gaithersburg Plaza, Bailey Property, 1973-1974
Social Services, 1971-1974
Solid Waste, 1973-1974
Solid Waste Disposal
 Avery Road, 1971-1973
 Germantown, 1971
 Gude, 1971
Sovereign Immunity, 1974
State Highway Administration, 1971-1974
Suburban Hospital, 1973-1974
Sunshine Company, 1973-1974
Taxes, 1971
Transportation -- County DOT, 1971-1973 (2 folders)
Twenty Year Needs Study, 1973
WSSC, 1973-1974
Zoning-Falkland, 1971-1974

Series III: Landlord-Tenant Relations Files

Box 2

Bill 19-71
Correspondence, 1971-1973 (2 folders)
Work Sessions, 1971-1972 (3 folders)

Series IV: Photographs

(Box 2, cont.)

Photographs, 1974

Series V: Rent Control Files

(Box 2, cont.)

Correspondence, 1973 (4 folders)