

Finding Aid to the
JOANN YUKIMURA RECORDS
LIHU'E, KAUA'I, HAWAII
Records, 1969-1976-1980] - 1982

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JOANN YUKIMURA RECORDS, LIHU'E, KAUA'I, HAWAII. RECORDS, 1969 [1976-1980]-1982.
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ABSTRACT

The JoAnn Yukimura Records were collected and created by Yukimura during her tenure as a County of Kaua'i Council member (1976 - 1980, 1984 - 1988). Yukimura was identified as one of Hawaii's outstanding young leaders during the 1970s and 1980s. These records reflect some of her work as a County Council member, and reveal her strong interest in environmental and land use planning issues. These records appear to be incomplete. However, much of the material is public record and researchers can access additional records from the County of Kaua'i, Council Services.

These records are arranged in three series: Citizen Complaint Records, Land Use Records, and Reference materials. Also available in the Kaua'i Historical Society library is subject file material that may supplement this collection.

Interested researchers are encouraged to contact the Kaua'i Historical Society for more information in advance of a planned visit or research project.

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HISTORY

Born on Kaua'i, of Japanese-American ancestry, JoAnn Yukimura was considered to be one of the foremost young leaders in the State during the 1970s and 1980s. Yukimura graduated from Kaua'i High School in 1967, attended Stanford University and received her law degree from the University of Washington in 1974. Yukimura first held elected office when she served as a County Council member for eight years (1976 - 1980, and 1984 - 1988). She was elected mayor in 1988 and served two terms until 1994. Her other experience included working as a research assistant at the National Science Foundation Environmental Research Project at Stanford University, a land use researcher with the Environmental protection Agency, as an attorney with Legal Aid of Kaua'i, And she served as a member of the State Shoreline Protection Act task force.

Yukimura was chosen as the Kaua'i Jaycees "Outstanding Young Person":(1978), selected by The Garden Island as the "Citizen of the Seventies" (1980), awarded the "Queen Ka'ahumanu Award for Outstanding Example to Young Women in Hawai'i" by the Girl Scout Council (1991), was the "Hawai'i Headliner of the Year" (Honolulu Professional Chapter of Women in Communications, 1992), received the Hawai'i State Bar Association "Outstanding Contribution to Public Service Award" (1993) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency "Outstanding Public Service Award" (1994).

These records reflect some of Yukimura's work as a County of Kaua'i Council member and reveal her strong interest in environmental and land use planning issues. The reference materials contained in this collection provide some insight to the breadth of her interests - from housing and energy, to economy and tourism, and other aspects of political life.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The dates of the JoAnn Yukimura Records span 1969 to 1982; the bulk of the material ranges from 1976 through 1980. The records are arranged in three series: Citizen Complaints, Land Use and Reference records. Series titles are listed in BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS. Subseries titles are listed in underlined bold lower letters; sub-subseries titles are bold lower **case** letters. Files are arranged chronologically within each folder. The records are in fair (rust from staples and fasteners) to good condition; some have been interleaved with acid-free paper. Newspaper articles were copied on to acid-free paper, and the originals destroyed. Some records were created by Yukimura, but the majority of the records are photocopies made for her as a Council member. This collection appears to be an incomplete record of Council activity. Complete and original copies are stored at the County Clerk's office.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT RECORDS

Records in this series concern complaints to County Council members from the public. Responding to and acting on complaints is one of the normal responsibilities of the Council. Citizen complaints are a matter of public record.

These records relate to Public Works Department (1969 - 1971, 1977) and concern the investigation of corruption within the Department of the Deputy County Engineer John Arzadon. There are reports of the investigation by the county of Kaua'i police Department and of an outside consultant. The folder also contains materials concerning County Engineer Jerry Kaluna who was also under investigation at the time.

This subseries contains complaints about parking problems at Koloa Landing (1980). There are photocopies of petitions describing parking problems and lack of enforcement at Whaler's Cove Restaurant, failure of the developer to meet zoning conditions, correspondence from community members to the developer and handwritten notes from Yukimura's meetings with the County of Kaua'i Planning Department and Public Works.

The Lihu'e Stadium folder (1969 - 1971) contains records relating to complaints about the construction of the Stadium. There are memos from County Public Works personnel, Louis Rego Trucking (contractor for the fill material for the Stadium), County "trip tickets" for Rego, inspection reports, and reports of deficiencies by Rego Trucking. There are also complaints about Deputy County Engineer John Arzadon.

Complaints about the Menehune shopping Center (1975, 1977 - 1979) originated with applicant Raymond Hoe's request for a Variance and Zoning permit. Included are a County Planning Department staff report, complaints about the applicant illegally discharging fill material into Nawiliwili Stream, a citation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, various inspection reports related to the illegal fill, and several newspaper accounts of the activity.

The last folder in the series contains two letters related to crime against Tourists (1979, 1980).

LAND USE RECORDS

During Yukimura's tenure as a council member, the Council deliberated on several regional Development Plans and the update of the original 1971 County General Plan. The series includes other legislative and zoning records related to land use.

Development Plans

The records of the **Hanapepe-Eleele Development Plan (1976 - 1977)** include the Development Plan ordinance, copies of newspaper articles complaining about the consultant, and testimony of A&B Properties and Olokele Sugar about the proposed plan.

The **Koloa-Poipu Development Plan** records (1978 – 1980) document minutes of Advisory Committee meetings, community questionnaires, newsletters, goals and objectives for the plan, results of a public opinion survey, and other correspondence related to the planning process.

The **Lihu'e Development Plan** folder (1977 – 1979) contains copies of testimony on the proposed plan, notes of Citizens Advisory Committee meetings, a letter criticizing the lack of public input, copies of newspaper articles about the proposed re-zoning at Rice Camp, a copy of the proposed Goals and Objectives of the plan, and other correspondence relating to re-zoning concerns.

General Plan Update

The **League of Women Voters** General Plan materials (1982) include LWV newsletters announcing meetings to discuss the General Plan Update, a copy of the issues to be discussed, and draft recommendations to the Plan. Also contained in the folder is a copy of the LWV issue papers on Population and one on Energy.

One folder contains **General Plan Amendments** (1982). The contents include comments by 1000 Friends of Kaua'i, a summary of GP and zoning changes, and a handwritten spreadsheet detailing zoning changes 1971 – 1981. Also, there are typed lists of recommendations to the Update and handwritten notes.

Legislation

The **Po'ipu Moratorium** records (1972 – 1980) include materials relating to placing a moratorium on further development in the Po'ipu area until sewage disposal and water infrastructure was in place. Also, there is correspondence regarding sewage disposal problems building permits, and newspaper articles on the moratorium, the approval of a condo project with no water, and Council committee reports and resolutions. There are several draft ordinances, copies of testimony against more development, and maps of the area.

Yukimura was a member of the Shoreline Protection Bill Drafting Task Force (1975 – 1976) that drafted Hawai'i's first shoreline protection legislation. This folder contains copies and original memos, newsletters, draft legislation, correspondence, and testimony relating to the passage of the Shoreline Protection Act, which later became the Special Management Areas under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

A second folder on **Shoreline Protection Newspaper Articles** (1975 – 1976) contains material from the Honolulu *Advertiser* and *The Garden Island*. The articles were copied onto acid-free paper.

Zoning

The records in this sub-subseries concern zoning actions by the County Council. Zoning and re-zoning are legislative acts that are the responsibility of the County Council. This sub-subseries contains separate folders on individual zoning applications and are organized by applicant's name. The contents of the folders are incomplete, however, a complete record of the zoning or re-zoning can be found with the County Planning Department and with Council Services.

Records of the **A&B Properties** folder concern the zoning application for 222 acres at Eleele from Agriculture to the Residential District (1976 – 1977, 1979). Included are Planning Department staff reports, newspaper articles, correspondence from A&B, a draft ordinance, testimony and handwritten notes by Yukimura.

The Records contained in the A.C. Nominee re-zoning request (1979) include a Planning Department staff report, correspondence from applicant Clinton I. Shiraishi, the County Engineer, U.S. Department of Agriculture and testimony and transcripts of a County Council meeting on July 3, 1979 regarding the Kalaheo re-zoning request.

Materials in the **Akutagawa** Subdivision at Anini folder (1977) consist of two letters: a veto message from Mayor Eduardo Malapit, and a letter to Yukimura thanking her for her action on the subdivision request.

In the **CAN Corporation** sub-subseries folder (1978) is the Kilauea re-zoning application and Planning Department staff report, a photocopy of a petition and testimony in support of the re-zoning.

The **Dyer** re-zoning application in Kilauea (1979) contains the Planning Department staff report and several letters concerning the request.

Two folders in the sub-subseries Marriott Hotel at Princeville, re-zoning request (1977 - 1979) for .7 acres from Open to Resort. The first folder contains a hearings officer report, the archaeological report for Fort Alexander [on the grounds of the hotel site], and copies of letters regarding the project. The second folder contains reports from the Planning Department, transcribed testimony from the October 2 and 9, 1979 Council meetings, and other correspondence including letters from the Kaua'i Historical Society and others.

The Midkiff **Realty** records (1976 - 1977) concern the re-zoning of property for the future Rice Shipping Center. Contained in the folder is correspondence from Midkiff, copies of petitions in support of the re-zoning, and Planning Department reports.

One folder contains the records of the County's proposal to acquire the Slippery **Slides** Kilauea property (1976 - 1977). There is correspondence from the County Attorney, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the County Council, and the Kilauea Falls Action Committee. There are also Yukimura's notes, minutes of Council meetings, and copies of newspaper articles on the subject. [This issue involved the potential dedication of the parcel as a County park.]

The sub-subseries **Weinberg Shopping Center (HRT)** re-zoning 1975 - 1976, 1978) includes the HRT application, Planning Department reports, Planning Commission meeting minutes of the public hearing, copies of testimony regarding the application, and notes of Councilwoman Yukimura.

The **Wilcox Hospital/Sun Village** sub-subseries (1978 - 1979) includes Yukimura's notes on the application for re-zoning, County Council and Planning Department reports, copies of letters from the public and developer concerning the application.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

This series is comprised of various subjects of interest to Yukimura. She collected materials on subjects that were of particular concern in her Council work (Housing, Economy, Tourism), of her interest in land use and the environment (Energy, Kanoa Estate, Kilauea Agriculture, Maha'ulepu, People) and of political interest (Raymond Aki, Tony Kunimura, Campaign Contributions).

First folder in the Reference series is on **Raymond X. Aki (1988)** and consists of newspaper articles, letters to the editor, and campaign advertisements by Aki. Aki was a Republican candidate for Mayor who ran against Democrats Yukimura and Tony Kunimura in the 1988 Primary election.

The subseries Campaign Contributions contains a photocopy of a paper authored by George Cooper entitled "Campaign Contributions as Illegal Kickbacks: The Problem of Architects and Engineers Paying off the State Administration in Order to get Work," March 27, 1977. The paper includes sections on bribery, corporate influence, state contracting, and reform efforts. George Cooper was the co-author of "Land and Power."

The next folder in the Research series is a paper on the Economy by Bob Stauffer, (The Tragic 'Maturing' of Hawai'i's Economy") [c. 1983?]. Stauffer was a lecturer at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and the 38-page paper appears to have been written as part of his Ph.D. dissertation requirements.

Contained in the Energy Self-Sufficiency Committee subseries (1978 - 1979) are meeting minutes, goals of the committee, and correspondence to the county Council. The ad hoc committee was formed to coordinate and make a recommendation for an energy self-sufficiency plan for Kaua'i.

Copies of newspaper articles are contained in the Chris Hemmeter folder (1988). Hemmeter purchased the Kaua'i Surf Hotel, and renamed it The Westin Kaua'i Hotel. The articles describe some of the conflicts that occurred as a result of the development.

The Housing subseries contains a 40-page report entitled "Housing and Energy Needs of the Low-Income Residents of Kaua'i" by Nancy Budd dated July 23, 1982. The next folder is the subseries is Housing Articles (1978) and includes a variety of *The Garden Island* newspaper articles on housing projects and programs, housing needs, and specific housing development proposals.

The subseries Kanoa Estate is a collection of newspaper articles, minutes of meetings, press releases and other materials relating to the Niunalu-Nawiliwili tenants struggle to save their homes. There is an index and the materials cover the period from 1971 - 1973. The author is unknown.

The Kilauea Agriculture subseries (1977 - 1980) mostly includes County Council and County departmental records relating to the study of the viability of agriculture in Kilauea and of the availability of water for agricultural purposes. There is also correspondence from Kilauea farmers asking that a moratorium be placed on further subdivision of agricultural lands.

A folder on Tony Kunimura (1988) contains newspaper articles collected from the *Honolulu Advertiser* and *The Garden Island*. The content of the articles is generally campaign and public relations oriented.

The subseries Maha'ulepu (1974) includes copies of newspaper articles, meeting minutes of "Ohana 'o Maha'ulepu," a membership list and newsletters. These records concern aspects of the community response to a proposal for redistricting by the State Land Use Commission.

Next is a six-page Tourism Paper prepared by Yukimura (1977?) and presented either as a talk or as testimony on the State Land Use Commission. Yukimura outlines her analysis and recommendations for tourism.

A folder on Harry Weinberg (1974, 1976 - 1980) contains copies of newspaper articles and a Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief (Alexander and Baldwin vs. Weinberg, et al.). The articles outline some of Weinberg's projects and businesses. Weinberg was the owner of Honolulu Rapid Transit (HRT) and was well known in Hawai'i for his vast real estate holdings.

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