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Biographical Sketch
Edward Sanders was born in 1922 in New York City and moved with his family to Los Angeles at age 8. He obtained an undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and after returning from service in World War II as a Captain in the U.S. Army, received his law degree from the University of Southern California in 1950. In 1951, Sanders joined the law firm of Irell & Manella where he remained until 1978. In 1980, he was one of the founders of the firm Sanders, Barnet, Goldman, Simons & Mosk. Sanders' practice includes business and corporate matters with an emphasis on the settlement of disputes through mediation and arbitration.

Sanders has a long and distinguished record of civic and political involvement. He served as Senior Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on Middle East Affairs during the Carter Administration from 1978 to 1980. He was involved in the Camp David agenda in September 1978, and then accompanied President Carter to Egypt and Israel in March 1979, participating as one of the senior White House staffers to help wrap up unresolved issues before the signing of the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty. During his time at the White House, Sanders also served as a liaison between the Carter Administration and the American Jewish community.


His political involvement with the Democratic Party includes being a California delegate to the Democratic National Convention (1968 and 1972), Deputy National Campaign Director of the Carter-Mondale campaign (1976), Honorary Chairman of Tom Bradley's re-election campaign (1977), and Co-chair of the National Jewish Leadership Council for Dukakis-Bentsen (1988).

He was married to Rose Eisen Sanders. They have two children: Susan Sanders Witkow of Westport, Connecticut, and Michael Sanders of Los Angeles.

Edward Sanders passed away on 7 December 2009 at the age of 87.

Scope and Content
Consists of correspondence, reports, nearprint, newscippings, memos, and working papers that reflect Sanders' service as Senior Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on Middle East Affairs during the Carter Administration, his extensive political work with the Democratic Party as well as his organizational work with the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles and the President's Commission on the Holocaust.

Arrangement
Organized into five (5) series: A. Subject-Issue Files; B. White House Correspondence; C. Political Activities; D. Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles; E. President's Commission on the Holocaust.

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Corporate Names
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Media
Minutes

Series A. Subject-Issue Files, 1978-1981

Extent
3.6 linear feet (9 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note
Includes memos, correspondence, clippings, press releases, notes and working papers associated with Sanders' service in the Carter Administration as both a Senior Advisor on Middle East Affairs and as a liaison with the American Jewish community. Of special note in this series are files associated with the Camp David Accords (1978) and President Carter's Middle Eastern trip to finalize the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (1979). Other significant subjects covered in the files include Black-Jewish relations, human rights, Soviet Jewry, settlements in the Israeli occupied territories, Israeli-Saudi relations, and Carter and the American Jewish community.

Arrangement
Files are arranged alphabetically.

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Box 2. Folder 2. Briefing book: President's Carter's Record of Achievement on Issues of Concern to the Jewish Community, 1980
Box 2. Folder 5. Camp David meeting, 1979
Box 2. Folder 6. Califano, Joseph, 1979
Box 2. Folder 8. Carter and Israel support endorsements, 1980
Box 2. Folder 9. Carter, Billy, 1979
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Box 2. Folder 14. Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv, 1979-1980
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Box 7. Folder 6. Press, Frank, 1979
Box 7. Folder 7. Rafshoon, Jerry, 1978-1979
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Box 7. Folder 15. Shane, Joseph (letter), 1979
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Box 8. Folder 7. Speeches, Ed Sanders, 1980
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Series B. White House Correspondence, 1978-1980

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of memos and correspondence written to and from Sanders during his tenure in the White House. The files give insight into the range of Sanders' daily activities and involvements. Correspondents include U. S. Congressmen and Senators, members of the American Jewish community, as well as various political, legal, and personal associates.

Arrangement The files are arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Box and Folder Listing

Series C. Political Activities, 1968-1994

Extent  2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  Documents Sanders' involvement with Democratic Party politics both locally and nationally. Included is correspondence, nearprint, reports, clippings, press releases, notes, and political literature. Materials cover the presidential races of Robert Kennedy, George McGovern, Jimmy Carter, Michael Dukakis, and Bill Clinton as well as the Los Angeles mayoral races of Tom Bradley and Dick Riordan. There is additional material covering political activities during the Carter Administration that give insight into President Carter's relationship with the Jewish community.

Arrangement  Files are arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

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Box 14. Folder 3. Dukakis, Michael. Campaign issues of concern to the American Jewish community, 1988
Box 14. Folder 5. Group, The, 1977
Box 14. Folder 6. Israel, 1977
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Box 19. Folder 3. Riordan, Dick. For mayor, 1993

Extent  0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  Documents Sanders' role in the activities of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles. Records include minutes, reports, correspondence, clippings, and nearprint. Of particular interest are materials documenting a controversy that erupted when the Standard Oil Company of California issued a statement during the 1973 energy crisis calling for the U.S. government to support the aspirations of the Arab people in efforts towards peace in the Middle East. The Jewish community led by the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles responded with a strong campaign ultimately resulting in Standard Oil's retraction of the statement.

Arrangement  Files are arranged alphabetically.

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Box 20. Folder 6. Board of Directors, 1977
Box 20. Folder 7. Campaign, 1972
Box 21. Folder 1. Dispute Resolution Services award, 1997

Series E. President's Commission on the Holocaust, 1978-1981

Extent  0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note  Documents Sanders’ role in the activities of the President’s Commission on the Holocaust. Records include minutes, reports, correspondence, clippings, and nearprint.

Arrangement  Files are arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 22. Folder 1. Minutes, correspondence, reports, 1978
Box 22. Folder 2. Minutes, correspondence, reports, 1979
Box 22. Folder 3. Minutes, correspondence, reports, 1979
Box 22. Folder 4. Minutes, correspondence, reports, 1979
Box 22. Folder 6. Minutes, correspondence, reports, 1981