

HOOSIERS FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (HERA), 1973-1976

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 small manuscript box (.175 linear foot)

COLLECTION DATES: 1973-1976

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Hoosiers for the Equal Rights Amendment (HERA) became a nonpartisan state wide coalition in August 1973. Indiana supporters of the ERA formed HERA after the Equal Rights Amendment was not ratified by the 1973 Indiana General Assembly. Three presidents of HERA were Judith Head, Audra Bailey and Laurie Scholl, respectively. HERA sought to "promote the ratification of the proposed `equal rights` amendment to the Constitution of the United States" through informing the public of the benefits of the ERA, lobbying and through working with state organizations who supported the ERA.

HERA functioned with donations and annual membership fees. The organization's main committee, The Policy Council, planned all activities and designated subcommittees when needed. Through letter writing campaigns, holding rallies and interacting with state legislators HERA hoped to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Indiana.

HERA disbanded circa 1976-1977. The organization's efforts did contribute to the eventual ratification of the ERA in the state of Indiana in 1977 but, because only 35 of the needed 38 states had ratified by the 1982 deadline the proposed 27th amendment was defeated.

Sources: Materials in collection
Encyclopedia Americana, Annual 1983

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of HERA papers and spans the years 1973-1976. Contained are HERA bylaws n.d., financial reports (1973-1976), lists of officers (1974-1975), and information distributed to general members (1973-1975).

In addition, there is information on specific HERA councils. Each council has a separate folder(s) which contains such information as minutes, agendas and information sent to council members. The councils are: The Policy Council (1973-1975), The Organization Council (1974-1975), and The Strategy Council (1975).

Also included is information on the general meeting of HERA, as well as, general activities and information of the organization. The collection is arranged according to subject and chronologically within the subject area.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1: HERA RECORDS, 1973-1976 **FOLDER CONTENTS**

- 1 Bylaws, n.d.
- 2 The Policy Council, 1973-1974
- 3 The Policy Council, 1974-1975
- 4 The Organization Council, 1974-July, 1975
- 5 The Organization Council, Sept.-Nov., 1975
- 6 Strategy Council, 1975
- 7 The Nominating Committee, 1975
- 8 General Meeting, June 21, 1975

9 Financial Reports, 1973-1976

10 Officer Lists and Information, 1974-1975

11 Information to General Members, 1973-March, 1975

12 Information to General Members, April-Dec., 1975

13 Activities, 1974

14 General Information, 1973

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Hoosiers for the Equal Rights Amendment

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Hoosiers for the Equal Rights Amendment

Equal rights amendments--Indiana

Women--Indiana--Societies and clubs

Lobbying--Indiana

Lobbyists--Indiana

Political action committees--Indiana

Women--Legal status, laws, etc.--Indiana

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