

# Eli and Esther Rashkov papers, 1954-1986

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Title</b>	Eli and Esther Rashkov papers
<b>Dates</b>	1954-1986 (inclusive) 1954 1986
<b>Quantity</b>	9.69 cubic feet (10 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	4564 (Accession No. 4564-001)
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of Seattle community activists Eli Rashkov and his wife Esther concerning the development of Seattle area parks and the use of Forward Thrust funds.
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<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English
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## Biographical Note

Eli Rashkov (1920-1994) and his wife, Esther Rashkov, were community activists in the Seattle, Washington area who were concerned with urban development issues.

Both were heavily involved in the political reform group Choose an Effective City Council (CHECC) in the 1970s and early 1980s. Esther was president of CHECC from 1977 to 1980, and Eli served as president in the early 1980s. CHECC intervened in a number of Seattle municipal policy issues, including the Westlake development project of the late 1970s.

The Rashkovs were also involved in the Citizen's Rate Advisory Committee, which formed in 1978 out of concerns about the 1979 Seattle City Light rate adjustment. The Committee grew to deal with other issues relating to both City Light and general energy concerns, such as the Washington Public Power Supply System and its nuclear power policies.

In the seventies the Rashkovs were also active members of the Wallingford Community Council (WCC) and each chaired various subcommittees. Eli Rashkov did significant work concerning Lake Union shoreline issues, chairing the WCC's Lake Union Study Committee and serving as the Council's representative on the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Coalition. Esther Rashkov was heavily involved in the issue of the Woodland Park Zoo development plans of the 1970s.

Both Rashkovs were also members of Citizens Against the R. H. Thomson (CARHT) – a group of concerned individuals that originally formed to stop the construction of the R. H. Thomson Expressway in Seattle. In the 1970s this group also struggled against the extension of Interstate 90 through Seattle and remained involved in other transportation issues.

Esther Rashkov was a member of the board of CARHT and Eli Rashkov served as vice-chair. Esther Rashkov was president of Community Research Associates, an organization that prepared research, reports, and court exhibits on behalf of other community activist organizations. Eli Rashkov was also a member of this organization, and both he and his wife compiled many reports and speeches that were presented on behalf of CHECC and the CRAC.

Eli Rashkov helped found the Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound in 1947. Both Eli and Esther served on the District Executive Committee and Eli edited the local flyer. He was also involved in the 43rd Legislative District Democratic Organization, which worked on local electoral campaigns.

Eli Rashkov was a pharmacist by trade and owned two drugstores in Seattle. Throughout his life he maintained an interest in local artists and collected the works of Mark Tobey, Guy Anderson, Morris Graves and others.

Eli Rashkov died of cancer on August 1, 1994.

## Content Description

Boxes 1 and 2 contain personal papers of Eli and Esther Rashkov, including speeches, writings and subject files relating to various civic interests not associated with any of the organizations in which the Rashkovs participated. Among these subject files is material concerning the development of Seattle area parks and the use of Forward Thrust funds. Correspondence in these papers includes letters from Mark Tobey and Guy Anderson, as well as miscellaneous information regarding Eli Rashkov's art collection.

Boxes 2-4 contain records from Choose an Effective City Council (CHECC); the bulk of this material dates from 1977-1979 and pertains to the struggle against the Westlake redevelopment project. Also included are correspondence with city council members and other local officials, reports and subject files pertaining to issues of Seattle urban development.

Boxes 4-8 contain the records of the Citizen's Rate Advisory Committee, the bulk of which dates from 1976 to 1980. This series includes minutes, agenda, correspondence and organizational materials of the Committee. The "Meeting Packets" series contains agenda, minutes, and various writings that were sent to members of CRAC members as preparatory material for upcoming meetings. Speeches, writings, and reports include both materials prepared by the CRAC and its members as well as those of other institutions. Much of the material pertains to Seattle electric rate issues, but all material on general energy issues, such as nuclear power and the Washington Public Power Supply System are included in this subgroup as well.

Boxes 8 and 9 contain the records of the Wallingford Community Council (WCC). The bulk of these materials dates from 1973 to 1979 and consists of subject files about issues affecting the Wallingford district of Seattle. Two of the main issues documented in the papers are use and conservation of Lake Union shoreline areas and development of the Woodland Park Zoo. Both of these subject series contain materials of the WCC and those of various organizations with which the Council allied itself when working on these projects, such as the Lake Union Coalition.

Box 9 also contains materials of three other organizations. The records of Citizens Against the R. H. Thomson (CARHT) date from 1970 to 1979 and include materials of their campaigns against the Interstate 90 extension through Seattle and for the Gas Tax Initiative 384, as well as other information on transportation issues. The series does not contain any records of the group's original struggle against the proposed R. H. Thomson Expressway. The 43rd Legislative District Democratic Organization records document in Eli Rashkov's involvement in local elections. The Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound series includes materials from membership meetings and a small amount of writings, organizational materials and ephemera.

The accession does not contain any organizational records of Community Research Associates, but speeches, writings and testimony were prepared by the Rashkovs as part of CRA on behalf of other organizations and can be found in the CHECC and CRAC subgroups.

Major correspondents in this accession include Councilman Tim Hill, Councilwoman Phyllis Lamphere, Seattle City Light, Charles Royer, Benella Caminiti, Mark Tobey and Guy Anderson. Major subject areas represented in the papers include Seattle civic activism, Seattle urban development, Seattle parks, the downtown Seattle Westlake development project, Seattle City Light rate policies, the Washington Public Power Supply System, the Wallingford district of Seattle, Lake Union development and use policies, and the Woodland Park Zoo.

## Use of the Collection

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged into 7 series:

- Personal Papers, 1954-1982
- Choose an Effective City Council, 1972-1986
- Citizen's Rate Advisory Committee, 1973-1982
- Wallingford Community Council, 1958-1979
- Citizens Against the R.H. Thomson, 1970-1979
- 43rd Legislative District Democratic Organization, 1972-1976
- Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound, 1972-1974

### Acquisition Information

Donated by Esther Rashkov on May 31, 1996.

## Processing Note

Processing completed in April 2002.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Personal Papers, 1954-1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Incoming Letters</b>		
Box		
1	Anderson, Guy	1954, 1962, 1966, undated
1	Kapka, Alice	1966
1	Tobey, Mark	1954, 1959, undated
Box		
1	Outgoing Letters	<b>1972, 1977-1979, undated</b>
<b>General Correspondence</b>		
Box		
1	re: Eli Rashkov's art collection	1956-1965
1	Miscellaneous	1960-1974
Box		
1	Correspondence of Others	<b>1973, 1978</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	Speeches and Writings	1974-1980, undated
1	Speeches and Writings of Others	1974-1977, undated
<b>Reports</b>		
Box		
1	Report of the Neighborhood Transition Committee to Mayor Charles Royer	1978
1	Miscellaneous	1964-191980
<b>News Releases</b>		
Box		
1	From the Office of the Mayor (Seattle)	1978-191980
Box		
1	Legislation and Ordinances	1977-1981
1	Newsletters	1975-1979
<b>Subject Files</b>		
Candidates		
Box		
1	Mayoral	1977
1	Miscellaneous	1973-1979
Box		
1	Capital Improvement	1978
Box:Oversize		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
10	Capital Improvement	
Box		
1	Citizen Participation	1978, undated
1	City Charter (Seattle) Amendments	1977, undated
1	City/County Consolidation	circa 1974
1	Community Development	undated
1	Health Care	1979, undated
1	Initiatives	undated
1	LaConner, Washington	1974, undated
1	Land Use	1979-1980, undated
Parks		
Box		
1	Correspondence	1975-1977
1	Agenda	1975-1977
1	Speeches and Writings	1975-1978, 1982, undated
1	Reports	1974, 1977, undated
1	Ordinances	1977, undated
1	Clippings	1967, undated
1	Miscellany	undated
2	Arboretum	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2	Forward Thrust	1977, undated
2	Sand Point	1977, 1979, undated
<b>Box</b>		
2	Seattle City Budget Includes photograph.	1975-1977, 1981, undated
2	Seattle Development Planning	1966, 1976-1978, undated
2	Seattle Downtown Parking	1975-1976
2	Seattle Water and Sewer	1974, undated
2	Solid Waste	1980, undated
2	South Park/Duwamish Annexation	1979
<b>Box</b>		
2	Notes	<b>undated</b>
2	Ephemera	<b>undated</b>
2	Clippings	<b>1971-1981, undated</b>

## Choose an Effective City Council (CHECC), 1972-1986

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box</b>		
2	Organization	<b>1972, 1978</b>
<b>Incoming Letters</b>		
<b>Box</b>		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2	Hill, Tim	1977-1978
2	A-Z	1977-1979
Box		
2	Outgoing Letters	<b>1977-1978, undated</b>
<b>General Correspondence</b>		
Box		
2	United States Internal Revenue Service	1979
Box		
2	Financial Records	<b>1977, 1979</b>
2	Speeches and Writings	<b>1977-1979, undated</b>
2	Newsletters with Drafts	<b>1978-1979, undated</b>
2	Reports	<b>1974-1980</b>
<b>Subject Files</b>		
Box		
3	Downtown	1980-1981, undated
3	Land Use/Housing	1977-1978, 1981, undated
Box:Oversize		
10	Land Use/Housing	1977-1978, 1981, undated
Box		



Container(s)	Description	Dates
3	Municipal Bonds	1977, 1983
3	Overnight Use of City Vehicles	1974-1976, undated
	Westlake	
Box		
3	General Correspondence	1975-1982
3	Minutes and Agenda (of various groups)	1976-1982
3	Speeches and Writings	1975-1978, undated
3	Fact Sheets	1977-1978, undated
3	Reports	1973, 1983-1984, undated
3	Financial Records	1980-1981, undated
3	News Releases	1979-1982
	Hearings	
Box		
3	Testimony	1977-1978, 1983
3	Exhibits	1977-1978
4	Miscellaneous	1978-1979, undated
Box		
4	Bills	1977, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4	Laws and Regulations	1978, undated
4	Ordinances	1977, 1983, undated
4	Resolutions	1977, undated
4	Court Papers	1978, 1979
4	Contract	1976
	Subject Files	
<b>Box</b>		
4	Analysis of Westlake Development Authority Charter	1977
4	City of Seattle Debt Management Policy	1976
4	Monorail	1979
<b>Box</b>		
4	Lists	undated
4	Timelines	1977-1978
	Notes	undated
<b>Box</b>		
4	Drawings and Charts	undated
<b>Box:Oversize</b>		
10	Drawings and Charts	undated
<b>Box</b>		
4	Clippings	1974-1980
4	Miscellany	1976

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box</b>		
4	Lists	1976-1978, undated
4	Ephemera	1975-1979, undated
4	Clippings	1967-1986

## Citizens' Rate Advisory Committee (CRAC), 1973-1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box</b>		
4	Historical Features	1978-1979
4	Organization	1980, undated

### Incoming Letters

<b>Box</b>		
4	Seattle City Light A - Z	1978-1980
4	Miscellaneous A - Z	1979

<b>Box</b>		
4	Outgoing Letters	1976, 1978-1979
4	Correspondence of Others	1975, 1977-1980
4	Memoranda	1978-1980
4	Minutes and Agenda	1978-1980
4	Minutes and Agenda of Others	1977-1982
4-5	Meeting Packets	1978-1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Speeches and Writings</b>		
<b>Box</b>		
4-5	CRAC	1978-1982, undated
4-5	Rashkov, Eli and Esther	1974-1978, undated
4-5	Seattle City Light	1973, 1977, 1980
4-5	Daniggelis, Nick - City Light Accountant	1977, undated
4-5	Seattle (Miscellaneous City Offices)	1975-1980
4-5	Miscellaneous	1977-1980, undated
<b>Reports</b>		
<b>Box</b>		
4-5	CRAC Committees	1977-1978
5-6	Seattle City Light	1978-1980, undated
5-6	Seattle (Other City Offices)	1973-1979
5-6	Washington (Miscellaneous State Offices)	1977-1978
5-6	United States (Miscellaneous Federal)	1975, 1978, undated
5-6	Miscellaneous	1976
<b>Box</b>		
5-6	Testimony	<b>1977-1978, 1981</b>

### Subject Files

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
5-6	Bonneville Power Association	1978-1981, undated
6	Copper Creek Dam	1977-1979, undated
6	Drought Surcharge	1977
7	Ecological Issues	1976-1978, undated
7	Hearings	1977-1979
7	Light Brigade	1978-1979
7	Nuclear Power	1977-1978, undated
7	Proposed Energy Code	1979
7	Public vs. Private Utilities	1979
7	Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act	1978-1980
7	Rate Data and Comparisons	1976-1977, undated
7	Rate Increase Proposal	1974
7	Rate Relief/ Rate Discounts	1978
7	Regional Power Plans	1976-1978, undated
7	Ross Dam	1977
7	Seattle City Finances	1976
7	Seattle City Light Budget and Finances	1974-1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7	Solar, Wind and Energy Alternatives	1978-1980, undated
7	Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS)	1978-1979
<b>Box</b>		
7	Resolutions	<b>1977-1979</b>
7	Legislation	<b>1979, undated</b>
7	Conferences and Conventions	<b>1977-1979</b>
7	Newsletters (of Various Groups)	<b>1978-1980</b>
7	Fact Sheets	<b>1977, undated</b>
7	Timelines and Schedules	<b>1976-1980</b>
<b>Box:Oversize</b>		
10	Timelines and Schedules	<b>1976-1980</b>
<b>Box</b>		
7	Lists	<b>1976-1978, undated</b>
7	Pamphlets - Seattle City Light	<b>1977, undated</b>
7	Questionnaire	<b>undated</b>
7	Notes	<b>undated</b>
8	Clippings	<b>1977-1980</b>
8	Miscellany	<b>undated</b>
8	Conservation Subcommittee	<b>1979-1980</b>
8	Costing and Pricing Methodologies Subcommittee	<b>1977-1978, undated</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8	Financial Subcommittee	1978
8	Programs, Projects and Resources Subcommittee	1978

## Wallingford Community Council (WCC), 1958-1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
8	Organization	1972-1976
8	Incoming Letters	1974
8	Outgoing Letters	1977

### General Correspondence

Box		
8	Nominating Esther Rashkov to Seattle Board of Park Commissioners	1974

Box		
8	Speeches and Writings	1974-1977, undated
8	Speeches and Writings of Others	1973-1974, undated
8	Court Papers	1972-1974

### Subject Files

Box		
8	Good Shepherd Home	1969, 1973-1978, undated

Box:Oversize

Container(s)	Description	Dates
10	Good Shepherd Home	1974-1977
Box		
8	Lake Union Shoreline	
Box		
8	General Correspondence	1965, 1970-1975
8	Speeches and Writings	1971-1974, undated
8	Legislation	1971-1972, 1978
8	Court Papers	1968, 1975
8	Notes	undated
8	Maps	undated
Box:Oversize		
10	Maps	undated
Box		
8	Clippings	1974-1976, undated
8	Gas Works Tavern Waterside Sign	1975
8	Lake Union Coalition	1973, undated
8	Lake Union Special Review District	1973
8	Marine Power and Equipment Company	1975
8	Roanoke Reef	1973-1974
8	Shoreline Master Program	1974-1975



Container(s)	Description	Dates
8	Waterway 11	1975
8	Rezoning	1978-1979
8	Seattle City Charter Annotations	undated
8	Wallingford Community Council vs. City of Seattle et al.	1975
	Woodland Park Zoo	
<b>Box</b>		
8	General Correspondence	1973-1979, undated
	Minutes and Agenda	
<b>Box</b>		
8	Zoo Steering Committee	1975-1976
8	Park Board	1975-1976
8	Unidentified	1975
	Speeches and Writings	
<b>Box</b>		
8	WCC	1974-1975
8	David Hancocks (Director of Zoo)	1975
8	Benella Caminiti	1974-1978
8	Miscellaneous	1976, undated
<b>Box</b>		
8	Reports	1974-1977
8	Financial Records	1974, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8	Agreement	undated
8	Resolution	circa 1968
8	News Releases	1975
8	Development Bulletins	circa 1975
8	Comprehensive Plan	1976
8	Zoo Fee	1976
8	Schedules	1976, undated
8	Notes	undated
Box:Oversize		
10	Maps	undated
Box		
8	Clippings	1974-1976, undated
Box		
9	Newsletters	<b>1973, 1975</b>
9	News Releases	<b>1975</b>
9	Ordinances	<b>1974, undated</b>
9	Resolutions	<b>1958, 1974</b>
Box:Oversize		
10	Maps	<b>undated</b>
Box		
9	Notes	<b>undated</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
9	Ephemera	1975, undated
9	Clippings	1972-1974, undated
9	Miscellany	undated

## Citizens Against the R. H. Thomson (CARHT), 1979-1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box</b>		
9	Organization	1974, 1977
9	Outgoing Letters	1974, 1977, undated
9	Speeches and Writings	1976-1977, undated
9	Speeches and Writings of Others	1978, undated
9	Reports	1976-1977

### Subject Files

<b>Box</b>		
9	Bay Freeway	1970, undated
9	Gas Tax	1977-1978
9	Interstate 90	1976-1979, undated
9	Seattle Transportation Policy Plan	1977-1978

## 43rd Legislative District Democratic Organization, 1972, 1975-1976, undated

Box9

# Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound, 1972-1974

Box9

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Art--Collectors and collecting--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
City planning--Washington (State)--Seattle--Citizen participation  
Civic leaders--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
Community organization--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Highway planning--Washington (State)--Seattle--Public opinion  
Parks--Washington (State)--Seattle--Planning--Citizen participation  
Political activists--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
Public utilities--Rates--Washington (State)--Seattle

### Personal Names :

Caminiti, Benella--Correspondence  
Hill, Tim, 1936- --Correspondence  
Lamphere, Phyllis--Correspondence  
Rashkov, Eli--Archives  
Rashkov, Esther--Archives  
Royer, Charles, 1939- --Correspondence  
Tobey, Mark--Correspondence

### Corporate Names :

CARHT (Organization : Seattle, Wash.)  
Choose an Effective City Council (Organization : Seattle, Wash.)  
Citizens' Rate Advisory Committee (Seattle, Wash.)  
Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound  
Seattle City Light  
Wallingford Community Council  
Woodland Park Zoo

### Geographical Names :

Lake Union  
Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government  
Wallingford (Seattle, Wash.)  
Westlake Mall (Seattle, Wash.)

### Form or Genre Terms :

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
Correspondence  
Drawings  
Ephemera  
Financial records  
Minutes  
Reports  
Speeches, addresses, etc  
Writings

### Other Creators :

#### Personal Names :

Rashkov, Esther

(creator)

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**Subject Terms :**

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