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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Walter P. Reuther Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Citizens for Michigan
<b>Title:</b>	Citizens for Michigan Records
<b>ID:</b>	UR000303
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1959-1962
<b>Physical Description:</b>	14.5 Linear Feet (3 SB, 23 MB)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material entirely in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Articles of incorporation, constitution, and by-laws; correspondence; minutes; press releases and newsletters; mailing lists; speeches; and newspaper clippings of this independent, non-profit organization, established in 1959 to study the current and anticipated needs of the state of Michigan and to seek ways to implement programs. George Romney was chairman of this organization from its inception until it ceased operations in 1962. Subjects include Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Michigan Constitutional Convention (1960-62), and study reports of members of Citizens for Michigan. Correspondents include Eugene Black, Philip Hart, Clare Hoffman, John Lesinski, Robert McNamara, and Charles Potter.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Citizens For Michigan was organized in Lansing on June 19, 1959, by a group of about 200 persons. A non-profit organization, it was financed by membership dues and personal contributions. The purpose of Citizens For Michigan was to study Michigan's current and anticipated needs, and to seek desirable changes by working for a new Constitution.

George Romney was the Chairman of Citizens For Michigan, and other important officers were Edward L. Cushman, Vice Chairman, Harold C. McKinney, Jr., Secretary, and J.V. Brady, Treasurer.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection is the file of the Executive Director of Citizens For Michigan, an office first held by Ralph W. Conant, and after April, 1960, by Donald M. Oakes. The papers cover the period from 1959 to 1962.

Important subjects are: Correspondence; Minutes; Reports; Newsclippings; Background studies and other material on Michigan's Constitutional Convention, and the efforts involved in promulgating a new Constitution for Michigan; Membership information; Committee work.

Among the correspondents are: The officers mentioned; Eugene Black; Philip A. Hart; Clare E. Hoffman; John T. Lesinski; Robert S. McNamara; Charles E. Potter; George Romney; Edward Cushman; Carl Bond

Series Description: Series I, The Executive Director's Reference File - reflects the growth and functioning of the organization.

Series II, General Correspondence

Series III, Committees - is comprised of material of the CFM Study Committees, on services, finance and taxation, and government structure. This series also has material on the Coordinating Committee for a Constitutional Convention.

Series IV, Newsclippings - contains mostly information on Con-Con (the Constitutional Convention), as well as some on the CFM.

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## Arrangement

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### Processing Information

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### Related Materials

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