

Box 36, Folder 2  
Housing: Linda Vista  
1953

Another large collection of letters, news clippings, telegrams, petitions, *House Report*, postal cards and other items. These are not filed chronologically nor organized systematically. **Examples are:** "Linda Vista Housing Oddities" by Jenny Starren (no date) re/ four page commentary on families, housing problems, etc. & "Names To Go With The 'Oddities'" – several letters and reports from Jenny Starren are to be found in this folder; a small collection of news clippings featuring "Speed Ordered On Linda Vista, U.S. and City Agree On Housing Disposal, Target Dates Announced In Housing Disposition & Outline Disposal Plans for 4841 Linda Vista Units;" a copy of *House Report No. 2351* – "Investigation of the Public Housing Authority at San Diego and Los Angeles" (1948); a letter (n.d.) from constituent Jesse G. Napier & Wilson's reply (1/8/53) re/ controversy in Linda Vista and the need to expedite selling the houses to existing tenants, also a brief commentary from Wilson on Raymond Foley (FHH Finance chief); letters (12/52 & 1/53) from constituent James S. Harrington & Wilson -- a recent graduate of SDSC, occupant of college housing & now a beginning school teacher for City Schools, Harrington sought adequate housing for himself and family in public housing, since rents were so costly in San Diego; a letter (12/7/52) from constituent Charles Gerard Wilson re/ praise from a Democrat for Wilson's keeping his promise to curb "the P.H.A. eviction SNAFU;" a letter (12/31/52) from Hap Holliday (San Diego Grocers Assn.) and Wilson's reply (1/6/53) re/ opposition against Food Price Controls by the Assn. & Wilson's assurance he will study the issue and comments on the Republican Party's traditional opposition to controls of any kind; letter (1/28/53) from constituent Mrs. Lonace Gearhart & Wilson's reply (1/26/53) re/ a divorced mother with 3 children, and Convair employee, found it next to impossible to find a three bedroom house for around \$50.00. She believed she should be eligible for public housing projects that are suppose to help defense workers as well as military personnel; more letters (1/53) from Jesse Napier and Wilson re/ complaints and problems similar to those cited earlier; a letter (1/13/53) from constituent Mrs. L. B. Niles & Wilson's reply (1/26/53) re/ Mrs. Niles' complaints against public housing, cheaper rents & Wilson's support of those in public housing; more letters (2/53) from Mrs. Niles and Wilson re/ her complaints about Linda Vista Housing & rent control; letters (2/53) from constituent Walter O. Williams and Wilson re/ a Chollas View tenant is worried about the PHA eviction program and their income restrictions; a letter (1/25/53) from B.B. Laflin (Mena, AK) re/ his son Boyd being the center of the dispute over eviction from Linda Vista Housing, also his Republican grouching about the "Truman's messes;" letters (1/30 & 2/2/53) re/ anti Democratic commentary, rumors about high income people living in public housing & concerns that Defense Housing will be changed to Low Income Housing; a letter (n.d.) from Wilson to "Dear Linda Vistan" and attached 10 pages of "Petition Requesting the Sale of the Units in Linda Vista" – a typed list of names and addresses; letters (6/53) from Mrs. Bertha Singer, Wilson and RAdm. (ret.) Leslie Gehres re/ conservative viewpoints on the housing situation & politics too; **additional items remaining in this folder include** letters, telegrams, postal cards, etc. related to: the eviction issue, commercial site development; personal information from friends of Wilson, politics, comments on the border, Mission Bay improvement and much more related to the San Diego area.

