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# Sullivan, The Honorable John J. Collection, 1948-1983 Ms B40

## Summary Information

### Repository

Fairfield Museum and History Center

### Creator

Fairfield (Conn. : Town) .

### Creator

Fairfield (Conn.). First Selectman's Office .

### Creator

Sullivan, John J., 1906-1997

### Title

Sullivan, The Honorable John J. Collection, 1948-1983

### ID

Ms B40

### Date [inclusive]

1948-1987

### Extent

25.0 Linear feet (11,000 items)

### Language

English

### Abstract

This collection contains papers donated by Fairfield First Selectman John J. Sullivan. Half the collection is papers from various town departments and the other half is papers belonging to Sullivan.

## Preferred Citation note

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Fairfield Museum and History Center, Fairfield, Connecticut.

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## Biographical/Historical note

John J. Sullivan (1906-1997) moved to Fairfield in 1936. He ran a flower shop until 1959 when he was elected First Selectman of Fairfield. He retained that office until 1983 when he chose not to stand for reelection. For further detail see *Fairfield: The Biography of a Community 1639-1989* by Thomas J. Farnham, pp. 281-291.

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## Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of 61 boxes and 1 oversize item. Boxes I through XXIX contain Fairfield town papers including sewer, conservation, real estate, financial, personnel, schools, CT Resources Recovery Authority and others. Boxes XXX through LIV are mainly papers involving John J. Sullivan. They have been placed in about the same order in which they were deposited. Boxes LV through LXI were later donations and contain papers relating to the running of the town of Fairfield as well as letters belonging to Sullivan and photographs. There are also letters between Sullivan and Selectman Robert Lee who is described as Sullivan's right arm. The oversize item is a resolution.

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## Administrative Information

### *Publication Information*

Fairfield Museum and History Center  
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### *Conditions Governing Access note*

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

### *Conditions Governing Use note*

Use of the material requires compliance with the Fairfield Museum and History Center regulations.

### *Custodial History note*

These papers were deposited by John J. Sullivan.



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## *Custodial History note*

Boxes LV and LVI were donated by Mary Donahue and are from accession number L2011.7. Boxes LVII-LXI were donated by Robert Lee's son James and are from accession number L2010.31.

## *Processing Information note*

This collection was processed by Martha Rockwell in April 1991 and Marcia Miner in 2011.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

### *Corporate Name(s)*

- Fairfield (Conn. : Town) .
- Fairfield (Conn. : Town). Dept. of Aging .
- Fairfield (Conn. : Town). Fairfield Community Development Advisory Committee .
- Fairfield (Conn. : Town). Fairfield Conservation Dept. .

### *Geographic Name(s)*

- Fairfield(Conn.)

### *Subject(s)*

- Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority
- Municipal bonds--Connecticut.
- Municipal finance
- Municipal officials and employees.
- Old Post Road Association (Fairfield, Conn.)
- Real property--Valuation.
- Schools--Connecticut.
- Sewerage