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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Creator:	Schewel, Stephen Matthew, 1951-
Source - dnr:	Schewel, Stephen Matthew, 1951-
Title:	Steve Schewel papers
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Physical Description:	1.5 Linear Feet (3 document boxes)
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical / Historical

Steve Schewel is a longtime Durham resident, community activist, and local politician. He founded the North Carolina Independent (also known as the Independent, the Independent Weekly, and now IndyWeek) in 1983, running the free, alternative newspaper for 30 years before selling it in 2012. Schewel was a member of the Durham Public Schools' Board of Education from 2004 to 2008 and was elected to the Durham City Council in 2011 where he served until his successful bid for mayor in 2017. Schewel received his MA in English from Columbia University and his BA in English and PhD in Education from Duke University, where he served as student government president and has taught as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Sanford School of Public Policy since 2000.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains news clippings, mailers and correspondence that document local and statewide political campaigns of progressive candidates, which Schewel often contributed to by assisting with copywriting and political analysis. This collection also includes political ephemera from local, state and national campaigns, as well as a handful of items that document Schewel's involvement with other community organizations and events.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into the following three series: 1. Campaigns, 2. Community Organization and Events, and 3. Political Ephemera.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Steve Schewel

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Related Materials

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Controlled Access Headings

- Local Elections -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Campaign literature
- Political campaigns
- Schewel, Stephen Matthew, 1951-

Collection Inventory

1. Campaigns Series, 1979-1996

Physical Description: 1.5 Boxes (Box 1 & 2)

Title/Description	Instances	
Lanier Holt (City Council), 1979	box 1	folder 1
Pre-Election Issue Questionnaire, 1981	box 1	folder 2
Tom Campbell (City Council), 1981	box 1	folder 3
City Council, 1983	box 1	folder 4
Ken Spaulding (US House), 1984	box 1	folder 5
Tom Campbell (City Council), 1985	box 1	folder 6

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Wib Gulley (Mayor), 1985	box 1	folder 7
Sharon Thompson/Paul Luebke (NC House), 1985	box 1	folder 8
Wib Gulley (Mayor), 1987	box 1	folder 9
Becky Heron (County Commissioner), late 1980s/early 1990s	box 1	folder 10
Chester Jenkins (Mayor), 1989	box 2	folder 1
Paul Luebke (NC House), 1990	box 2	folder 2
Willis Whichard (NC Supreme Court), 1990	box 2	folder 3
Chester Jenkins (Mayor), 1991	box 2	folder 4
Lorisa Seibel (City Council), 1991	box 2	folder 5
School Board, 1992	box 2	folder 6
Wib Gulley (NC Senate), 1992	box 2	folder 7
Nancy Jirtle (School Board), 1992	box 2	folder 8
Paul Luebke (NC House), 1992	box 2	folder 9
Kathryn Meyers (School Board), 1992	box 2	folder 10
Harvey Gantt (US Senate), 1996	box 2	folder 11

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2. Community Organizations and Events, 1992-2003

Physical Description: .5 Boxes (Box 2)

Title/Description	Instances	
Political Advertising Workshop, 1992	box 2	folder 12
Common Sense Foundation Board Development and Role, 1999-2002	box 2	folder 13
Speeches, 1999-2016	box 2	folder 14
Helen Whiting Cookbook (from The Regulator), 2000	box 2	folder 15
Jews for a Just Peace, 2001-2003	box 2	folder 16
Brit Tzedek V'Shalom, Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, 2003	box 2	folder 17
Erwin Field Park, 2003	box 2	folder 18

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3. Political Ephemera, 1978-2004

box 3 folder 1-4

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 3)

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