OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS
Series Title: Legal counsel files.
Quantity: 4.2 cu. ft. (4 boxes and 1 partial box).
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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS
Records of Governor Ventura’s legal counsel, Diane Drewry. The main body of the records deal with Native American tribal issues, including treaties and accords, state agencies, gaming, housing, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, education, burial sites, the State Archaeologist position, insurance, and requests by bands for lands to be placed in trust.

The subject files cover such topics as baseball anti-trust legislation, bioterrorism, elections, a possible 2001 state government shutdown, lawsuits, legislation, the LTV Steel Mining Company bankruptcy, light rail transit, the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, a Civil War flag controversy, nuclear waste storage, transfer of the State Treasurer’s duties, the tobacco settlement, and relations with various state agencies, including the departments of administration, agriculture, corrections, human services, natural resources, public safety, revenue, and children, families and learning, the Attorney General’s Office, Chicano Latino Affairs Council, and Pollution Control Agency.

The records include correspondence, memorandums, reports, testimony, agreements, legislation, data practices requests, prisoner transfer treaty letters, legal documents, and the Governor’s radio show contracts. Some files contain records that predate Governor Ventura’s term of office.
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Persons:
- Drewry, Diane.
- Ventura, Jesse.

Organizations:
- LTV Steel Company.
- Minnesota. Dept. of Administration.
- Minnesota. Dept. of Agriculture.
- Minnesota. Dept. of Corrections.
- Minnesota. Dept. of Human Services.
- Minnesota. Dept. of Natural Resources.
- Minnesota. Dept. of Public Safety.
- Minnesota. Dept. of Revenue.
- Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.
Types of documents:
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Titles:
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Mille Lacs County tribal dispute, 1998-1999.
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency/Mille Lacs Memorandum of Understanding, 1998-1999.
Red Lake history, 1999.
Revenue Department, 2000.
Sandy Lake Band, 2000.
Tribal insurance cap legislation, SF3338, 2000.
Tribal leaders, 1999.

Correspondence to and from local government units, tribal bands, state and federal government agencies; internal memoranda; and reports regarding Minnesota tribal requests for lands to be placed in trust. Native American bands may ask that lands be placed in “trust,” which removes the land from the local property tax rolls. The lands may or may not be owned currently by the tribe; they could be in private hands with the band having plans to acquire the land for future development. Some files contain records that predate Governor Ventura’s term of office.

Trust requests, 2000.

Trust requests, 2000-2001. 2 expansion folders.
Include requests from the Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leach Lake, Mille Lacs, Prairie Island, Shakopee Mdewakanton, and White Earth bands.

Trust requests, 2001. 1 expansion folder.
Trust requests, 2002.


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Administration Department, 2000-2002.
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   Prisoner transfer treaty letters.
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   Documents preparation for a possible July shutdown of state
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