



## Guide to the Frank Fahrenkopf oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Frank Fahrenkopf conducted by Tony Batt on October 14 through 21, 2024 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Fahrenkopf begins by recalling his childhood in New York and later moving to Nevada with his father and sister. Following graduation from the University of Nevada, Reno, Fahrenkopf earned a law degree from the University of California in Berkeley. Fahrenkopf details his career as a lawyer, being chairman of the Nevada Republican Party, and his close relationship with Paul Laxalt, and his appointment as chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1983 by Laxalt's best friend, President Ronald Reagan. He also details how he created the American Gaming Association.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Frank Fahrenkopf conducted by Tony Batt on October 14 through 21, 2024 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Fahrenkopf begins by

recalling his childhood in New York and later moving to Nevada with his father and sister. He graduated from Reno High School where he competed in the state championship baseball series against a team from Southern Nevada which included future U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Following graduation from the University of Nevada, Reno, Fahrenkopf earned a law degree from the University of California in Berkeley. Fahrenkopf details his career as a lawyer, being chairman of the Nevada Republican Party, and his close relationship with Paul Laxalt, and his appointment as chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1983 by Laxalt's best friend, President Ronald Reagan. He also details how he created the American Gaming Association and became one of the highest paid lobbyists in Washington, D.C. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)

- Reno (Nev.)
- Lobbyists -- Nevada
- American Gaming Association