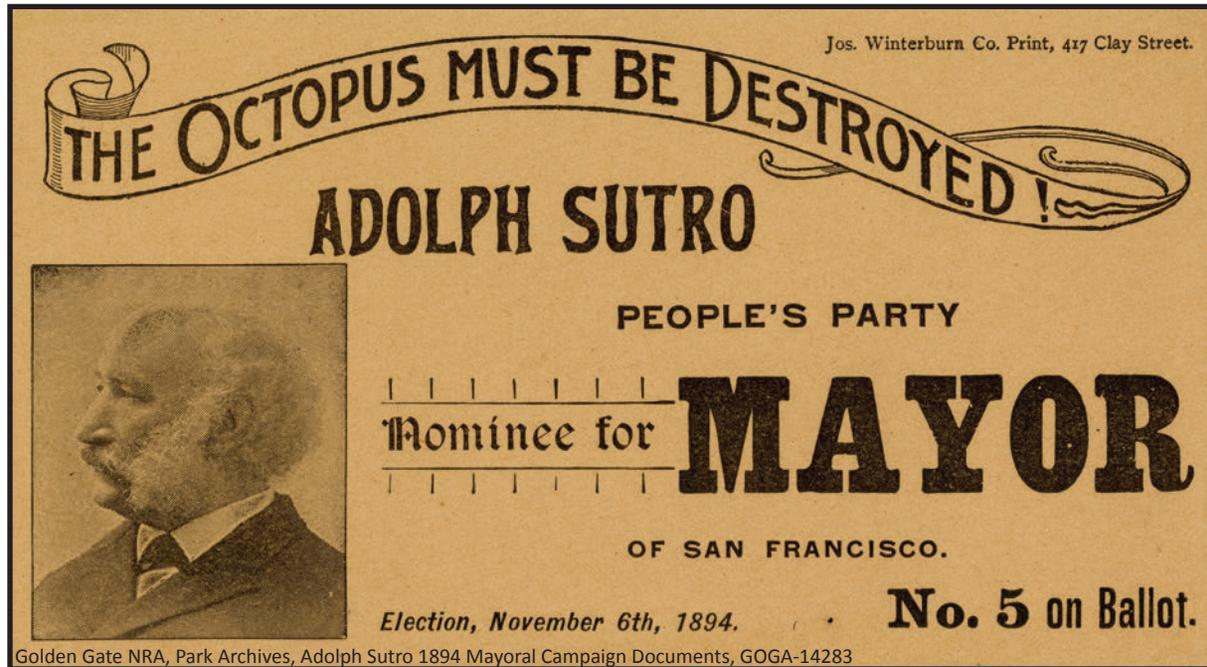
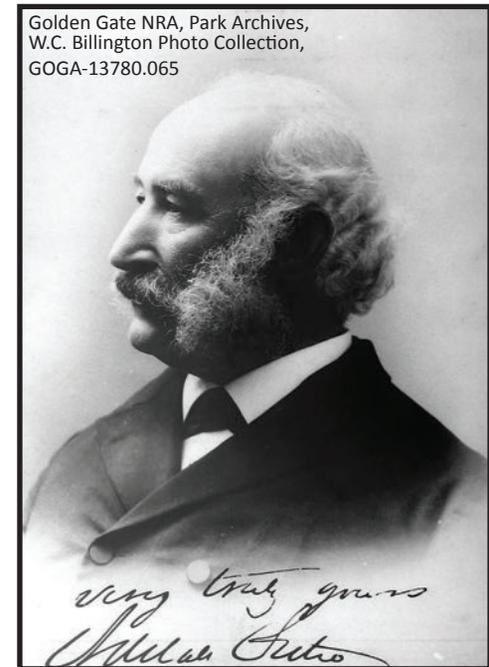


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Golden Gate NRA, Park Archives, Adolph Sutro 1894 Mayoral Campaign Documents, GOGA-14283



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Left: 1894 mayorial campaign card for Adolph Sutro; Right: photograph of Sutro with signed message, "Very Truly Yours", 1890s.

Adolph Sutro, Mayor and Philanthropist

Adolph Sutro was the 24th Mayor of San Francisco, serving from January of 1895 to January of 1897. His position was generally "for the people" and against the monopolies of giant corporations, known as "the Octopus." Ironically, Sutro sold his Cliff House railroad line to the Southern Pacific Railroad, one of the most powerful arms of the Octopus.

The elaborate gardens of Sutro Heights surrounding Sutro's personal estate were open to the public, free of charge. Many of his projects were meant to entertain and educate the public, such as his marine Aquarium, and the museum at the entrance to the Baths.

During his time as mayor Sutro received letters from people all over the world -- far more than he and his staff had time to answer. Most wrote to ask for money, but other requests included gifts of everything from pianos to bicycles to houses. His good will and generosity toward San Franciscoans inspired poetry, wishing that "long life and honor be his just reward, for all the happiness he doth afford" (from *Autumnal Sunset* by E.J. Jackosn, 1890).