



# Lila Jane Butler

(1878-1956)

Lila Jane Butler, an individual with a long career of community involvement to her credit, was the first woman candidate to seek political office in the former Village of Mission City.

Sponsored by the local Council of Women in which she had been instrumental in establishing, Mrs. Butler was one of seven candidates to run in the 1950 civic election.

Concerned with the development of housing and health issues, she believed "...that women, as well as men, should share the responsibility of citizenship..." (*Fraser Valley Record*, December 6, 1950:1).

Although she was unsuccessful in her attempt, Mrs. Butler continued to play a leadership role in local affairs through All Saints' Women's Association, the Local Council of Women, and the Mission branch of the Red Cross.

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