

SEIU: Communications Department Records

4 linear feet (4 SB)
1974-1987, bulk 1976-1987

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Creator: Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

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Language: Material entirely in English.

Access: Records are open for research.

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Related Material: Reuther Library Collections: SEIU District 925 Records SEIU Executive Office: John Sweeney Records, SEIU Secretary-Treasurer’s Office: Richard Cordtz Records, SEIU Research Department Records

PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are arranged in chronological order based on the folder headings utilized by the records’ creator.

Abstract

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) was founded in 1921 as a union of flat janitors. Over the years it has grown in size and scope, and now comprises three divisions: healthcare, property services, and public services. The records of SEIU's Communications Department document the International's mass mailings from 1974 through 1987. Included in the collection are (predominately) monthly summaries listing all the mass mailings sent by the International (with the exceptions of June 1983-October 1983, January 1985-March 1985, and January 1986-December 1987) and copies of the individual mass mailings (with the exception of January 1974-June 1976).

These mass mailings collected by the Communications Department were generated by a variety of individuals and departments (including Research and Publications). Topics include human rights and health issues, union resolutions, pensions, politics (including COPE), women (especially 925), scholarships, legislative actions, and various topics relevant to SEIU members. Document formats found within the records include correspondence, memos, articles, newsletters, and flyers.

Important Subjects:

- AFL-CIO
- Collective bargaining
- Collective labor agreements – Service industries
- Committee on Political Education (COPE)
- Health care
- Health insurance
- Labor
- Political action committees
- Political campaigns
- Service Employees International Union
- Service industries
- Women employees

Important Names:

- Cordtz, Richard
- Sweeney, John
- Weinlein, Anthony G.
- Welsh, Bob

Arrangement

The folders are arranged chronologically based on the folder headings utilized by the records creator.

Box 1

1. Mass Mailings, Preliminary Information and Monthly Summaries, 1974 January-1976 June
2. Mass Mailings, 1976 July
3. Mass Mailings, 1976 August
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