

**Economic Development Corporation of Greater Detroit Records**

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1969-1975, bulk 1971-1972

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**Accession Number:** UR002358

**Creator:** Michael C. Weston

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**Abstract**

A graduate of Brown University and the University of Michigan Law School, Michael Weston practiced law at Hill, Lewis, Andrews, Adams, Goodrich and Power (now known as Clark Hill), before serving as Secretary (1969), Treasurer (1970) and President (1972) of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Developed out of the 1967 riots, the EDC of Greater Detroit was a multi-corporate consortium created as the Detroit business establishment's vehicle to increase opportunities for African-Americans and Hispanics to grow their own businesses. Weston left the EDC in 1973 to accept a position as a university attorney at Northwestern University. He retired from Northwestern in 2001 as vice president and general counsel. The EDC merged with the Inner City Business Improvement Forum circa 1974.

The records of Michael C. Weston reflect the administrative concerns of the EDC during his tenure there and particularly document his work with the organization.

**Important Subjects:**

Business support services

Economic assistance.

Economic development--Michigan.

Economic & social conditions--1960-1970.

Fund raising.

Minority business enterprises

**Important Names:**

Michael C. Weston

## **Arrangement**

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

### **Box 1**

- 1-2. Correspondence from Michael C. Weston, 1969
- 3. Correspondence from Michael C. Weston, 1970
- 4-5. Correspondence from Michael C. Weston, 1971
- 6-10. Correspondence from Michael C. Weston, 1972
- 11-12. Correspondence from Michael C. Weston, 1973 January-May
- 13. Personal Correspondence, Michael C. Weston, 1969-1972
- 14. Personal Correspondence, Michael C. Weston, 1973-1975
- 15. EDC Annual Reports, 1969-1973
- 16. Program, National Black Economic Development Conference, 1969
- 17-18. Memorandum, 1968-1969
- 19-21. Memorandum, 1970
- 22-23. Memorandum, 1971 January-April

### **Box 2**

- 1-6. Memorandum, 1971 May-December
- 7-10. Memorandum, 1972
- 11. Memorandum, 1973 January-May
- 12. Report to President on Minority Business Enterprise, 1970 June 30