SEIU Executive Vice President’s Office: Patricia Ford Records
1 folder, 3.5 Megabytes (25 digital files)
1997-2005, bulk 2002-2004

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Creator: Patricia Ford

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Related Material: Reuther materials: Pat Ford Oral History; additional photographic images of Patricia Ford are available online on the Reuther Library’s website (www.reuther.wayne.edu), and in the SEIU Photo Collection housed in the Reuther.

The photograph folder has been transferred to the Reuther’s Audiovisual Department.
Abstract
In 1973, Pat Ford, then a clerical worker at Alameda County Hospital, aided in the creation of Local 616 by affiliating the 4000-member association with SEIU. Ford held various leadership positions in Local 616, including president (the Local’s first African-American woman president), and Executive Director. In addition to Ford’s service to Local 616, in 1996 she was elected as SEIU Executive Vice President, and reelected in 2000. During her tenure with SEIU, Ford helped to found the Caucus of African Descent (AFRAM), lead SEIU’s government affairs program, and coordinated SEIU’s civil and human rights activism. A full biography on Patricia Ford, may be found in Ford’s oral history held at the Reuther Library.

The SEIU Executive Vice President’s Office: Patricia Ford Records contains digital transcripts of 25 speeches given by Patricia Ford during her tenure as SEIU Executive Vice President. The records particularly reveal Ford’s involvement with organizations such as CBTU, CLUW, and NAACP. Also included is one folder of photographs, primarily featuring Ford at various SEIU events.

Important Subjects:
- African-Americans
- Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (U.S.)
- Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW)
- Labor
- Service Employees International Union
- Women in the Labor Movement

Important Names:
- Ford, Patricia
- Ford, Pat
Arrangement
Speech transcripts reflect the order of the digital files, as received.

Speech Transcripts
4. “Georgia Coalition for the People’s Agenda,” 2003
5. “Remarks at the International Symposium on Social Welfare Services and Status of Workers Concerned”
7. “Member Political Action Conference,” 2003-09-09
11. “NACCP Tennessee Statewide Branch,” 2003-09-18
12. “National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) Legislative Conference,” 2002-12-13
16. “Health Security for All,” 2002-08-23
24. International Labor Leaders’ Breakfast: Where Do We Go From Here,“ 2004-04-23

AV Materials
1. Photographs