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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Walter P. Reuther Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Service Employees International Union. Local 535 (Los Angeles, CA)
<b>Title:</b>	SEIU Local 535 Records
<b>ID:</b>	LR002109
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1967-2007
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	bulk
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 Linear Feet (5 SB, 1 OS)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material entirely in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	The formation of SEIU Local 535 began when members of the Social Workers Action Committee of #434, SEIU united with the Social Workers Standards Committee in Los Angeles, California. In 1964, these Los Angeles County social workers led a successful strike against the county, the result of which was SEIU chartering Local 535 as the social workers union. As more California public employees continued to strike and join Local 535, the union grew. Eventually Local 535 helped pass the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act, the first Californian legislation on public sector collective bargaining. In 1970, Local 535 ventured into private sector organizing, representing members at non-profit organizations, with a continued focus on hospital employees, particularly nurses. In addition to representing public and hospital employees, Local 535 also represented jewelry workers after the 1981 merger of the International Jewelry Workers Union into SEIU. In the mid-2000s, Local 535 dissolved and its members amalgamated into other SEIU locals including 521, 620, 721, 1000, and 1021. The records generated by Local 535 that comprise this collection primarily include State Executive Board minutes, Executive Director reports, committee and caucus documents, publications and newsletters, and photographs.

### Citation Style

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## History

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## Scope and Content

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The records generated by Local 535 that comprise this collection primarily include State Executive Board minutes, Executive Director reports, committee and caucus documents, publications and newsletters, and photographs.

Important Subjects: Health care employees Hospitals—Employees Labor unions—Organizing Labor unions – Records and correspondence Nurses Public Employees Service Employees International Union Social Workers

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Series Description: Series 1: Executive Leadership Files, 1967-2003 (Boxes 1-2) This series is comprised of State Executive Board meeting minutes and reports, Executive Director reports, and Bylaws from various chapters. Minutes and reports are arranged chronologically.

Series 2: Committee and Caucus Files, 1970-2007 (Box 3-4) This series is comprised of materials (primarily correspondence) created by the various committees and caucus including the Civil and Human Rights Committee, Emerging Majority Caucus, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Caucus, Jewish Caucus, and Senior/Retired Members Committee among others. Folders of each committee and caucus are organized chronologically.

Series 3: Publications, 1971-2003 (Box 5) This series is comprised of publications created by Local 535 over the years, particularly "Dragon: The Voice of Local 535," "Social Services Union Local 535 Newsletter," and "State of the Union – SEIU Local 535." Each publication title is arranged chronologically.

Series 4: Audiovisual Materials, circa 1976-1995 (Boxes 5-6) This series includes scrapbooks and photographs documenting events from various Local 535 chapters as well as t-shirts, buttons, and a potholder. Folders and materials are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several folders.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged in 4 series - Series 1 (Boxes 1-2), Series 2 (Box 3-4), Series 3 (Box 5), Series 4 (Boxes 5-6). Folders are arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

Added additional box of records that arrived with original accession, but could not be released until ten years after their creation. June 6, 2017

### Acquisition

The Local 535 Records of the Service Employees International Union were deposited by SEIU Local 535 at the Reuther Library on May 20, 2010.

## Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Alexandra Orchard on April 26, 2013.

## Access

Collection is open for research.

## Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

## Other Copies

Alameda County Strike Scrapbook has been digitized and may be found on the Reuther website.

A selection of photographs from this collection were digitized and may be found in the SEIU Local 535 image gallery on the Reuther website.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

SEIU International Jewelry Workers' Union Records

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- health care employees
- Labor unions -- Organizing
- Nurses
- Public Employees

- Social workers
- Service Employees International Union

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Executive Leadership Files, 1967-2003

Title/Description	Instances	
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1967-1968	Box 1	Folder 1
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1969	Box 1	Folder 2
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1970	Box 1	Folder 3
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1971	Box 1	Folder 4
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1972	Box 1	Folder 5
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1973	Box 1	Folder 6
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1974	Box 1	Folder 7
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1975	Box 1	Folder 8
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1976	Box 1	Folder 9
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1977	Box 1	Folder 10
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1978	Box 1	Folder 11
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1979	Box 1	Folder 12
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1980	Box 1	Folder 13
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1981	Box 1	Folder 14
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1982	Box 1	Folder 15
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1983	Box 1	Folder 16
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1984	Box 1	Folder 17
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1985	Box 1	Folder 18
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1986	Box 1	Folder 19
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1987	Box 1	Folder 20
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1988	Box 1	Folder 21
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1989	Box 1	Folder 22
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1990	Box 1	Folder 23
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1991	Box 1	Folder 24
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1992	Box 1	Folder 25

State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1993	Box 1	Folder 26
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1994	Box 1	Folder 27
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1995	Box 1	Folder 28
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1996	Box 1	Folder 29
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1997	Box 1	Folder 30
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1998	Box 1	Folder 31
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 1999	Box 1	Folder 32
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 2000	Box 2	Folder 1
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 2001	Box 2	Folder 2
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 2002	Box 2	Folder 3
State Executive Board; Meeting Minutes, 2003	Box 2	Folder 4
State Executive Board; Reports, 1981-1990	Box 2	Folder 5
State Executive Board; Reports, 1991-1995	Box 2	Folder 6
State Executive Board; Reports, 1996-2000	Box 2	Folder 7
State Executive Board; Reports, 2001-2002	Box 2	Folder 8
Executive Director; Report, 1970	Box 2	Folder 9
Executive Director; Report, 1972	Box 2	Folder 10
Executive Director; Report, 1973	Box 2	Folder 11
Executive Director; Report, 1974	Box 2	Folder 12
Executive Director; Report, 1975	Box 2	Folder 13
Executive Director; Report, 1976	Box 2	Folder 14
Executive Director; Report, 1977	Box 2	Folder 15
Executive Director; Report, 1978	Box 2	Folder 16
Executive Director; Report, 1979	Box 2	Folder 17
Executive Director; Report, 1980	Box 2	Folder 18
Executive Director; Report, 1981	Box 2	Folder 19
Executive Director; Report, 1982	Box 2	Folder 20
Executive Director; Report, 1983	Box 2	Folder 21
Executive Director; Report, 1984	Box 2	Folder 22
Executive Director; Report, 1985	Box 2	Folder 23
Executive Director; Report, 1986	Box 2	Folder 24
Executive Director; Report, 1987	Box 2	Folder 25



Executive Director; Report, 1988	Box 2	Folder 26
Executive Director; Report, 1989	Box 2	Folder 27
Executive Director; Report, 1990	Box 2	Folder 28
Executive Director; Report, 1991	Box 2	Folder 29
Executive Director; Report, 1992	Box 2	Folder 30
Executive Director; Report, 1993	Box 2	Folder 31
Executive Director; Report, 1994	Box 2	Folder 32
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## Series 2: Committee and Caucus Files, 1970-2007

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Civil and Human Rights Committee, 1995	Box 3	Folder 3
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 1996	Box 3	Folder 4
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 1997	Box 3	Folder 5
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 1998	Box 3	Folder 6
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 1999	Box 3	Folder 7
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 2000	Box 3	Folder 8

Civil and Human Rights Committee, 2001	Box 3	Folder 9
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 2002	Box 3	Folder 10
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 2003	Box 3	Folder 11
Correspondence, 1995-2002	Box 3	Folder 12
Emerging Majority Caucus, 1990-1992	Box 3	Folder 13
Emerging Majority Caucus, 1996-1999	Box 3	Folder 14
Emerging Majority Caucus, 2000-2003	Box 3	Folder 15
Employment and Eligibility Services Committee, 1997	Box 3	Folder 16
Employment and Eligibility Services Committee, 1999-2003	Box 3	Folder 17
Financial Review Committee, 1994-2002	Box 3	Folder 18
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Caucus, 1996-1999	Box 3	Folder 19
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Caucus, 2000-2003	Box 3	Folder 20
Health Care Committee, 1995-2003	Box 3	Folder 21
Jewish Caucus, 1994-1999	Box 3	Folder 22
Jewish Caucus, 2000	Box 3	Folder 23
Jewish Caucus, 2001	Box 3	Folder 24
Jewish Caucus, 2002	Box 3	Folder 25
Jewish Caucus, 2003	Box 3	Folder 26
Justice Workers Committee, 1997-2003	Box 3	Folder 27
Local 535 Anniversary Booklets, 1989-1999	Box 3	Folder 28
Mental Health Subcommittee, 1995-2003	Box 3	Folder 29
Officers and Administrative Meetings, 1995-2003	Box 3	Folder 30
Seniors/Retired Members Committee, 1995-1998	Box 3	Folder 31
Seniors/Retired Members Committee, 1999-2003	Box 3	Folder 32
Social Services Committee/Adult Services Subcommittee, 1994-2000	Box 3	Folder 33
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State Executive Board, meeting minutes, 2004	Box 4	Folder 1
State Executive Board, meeting minutes, 2005	Box 4	Folder 2
State Executive Board, meeting minutes, 2006	Box 4	Folder 3
Executive Director, report, 2004	Box 4	Folder 4
Executive Director, report, 2005		

	Box 4	Folder 5
Executive Director, report, 2006	Box 4	Folder 6
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 2004	Box 4	Folder 7
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 2005	Box 4	Folder 8
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 2006	Box 4	Folder 9
Civil and Human Rights Committee, 2007	Box 4	Folder 10
Emerging minority caucus, 2004-2007	Box 4	Folder 11
Employment and Eligibility Services Committee, 2004-2007	Box 4	Folder 12
Gay/Lesbian/Transgender Caucus, 2004-2007	Box 4	Folder 13
Healthcare Committee, 2004-2005	Box 4	Folder 14
Jewish Caucus, 2004	Box 4	Folder 15
Jewish Caucus, 2005	Box 4	Folder 16
Jewish Caucus, 2006	Box 4	Folder 17
Jurisdictional hearings, local mergers, 2006	Box 4	Folder 18
Justice workers committee, 1997-2006	Box 4	Folder 19
Local 535 anniversary booklet and retirement celebration program, 2004-2005	Box 4	Folder 20
Mental health subcommittee, 2005-2006	Box 4	Folder 21
Officers and Administrative meetings, 2004-2007	Box 4	Folder 22
Seniors/retired members committee, 2004-2006	Box 4	Folder 23
Social services committee/Adult services subcommittee, 2005-2006	Box 4	Folder 24
Womens committee, 2004-2006	Box 4	Folder 25

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### Series 3: Publications, 1971-2003

Title/Description	Instances	
Dragon: The Voice of Local 535, 1995 June-1995 December	Box 5	Folder 1
Dragon: The Voice of Local 535, 1996 March - 1996 December	Box 5	Folder 2
Dragon: The Voice of the Union, 1997 February - 1997 December	Box 5	Folder 3
Dragon: The Voice of the Union, 1998 February - 1998 September	Box 5	Folder 4
Dragon: The Voice of the Union, 1999 February - 1999 December	Box 5	Folder 5
Dragon: The Voice of the Union, 2000 February - 2000 December	Box 5	Folder 6

Dragon: The Voice of the Union, 2001 Febraury - 2001 December	Box 5	Folder 7
Dragon: The Voice of the Union, 2002 - 2003 March-April	Box 5	Folder 8
535 Leader, 1979 May-June - 1981 July-August	Box 5	Folder 9
Social Services Union Local 535 Newsletter, 1971 January 2 - 1971 December 3	Box 5	Folder 10
Social Services Union Local 535 Newsletter, 1972 February - 1972 December	Box 5	Folder 11
Social Services Union Local 535 Newsletter, 1973 April - 1973 October	Box 5	Folder 12
Social Services Union Local 535 Newsletter, 1974 March - 1974 December	Box 5	Folder 13
Social Services Union Local 535 Newsletter, 1975 February - 1975 November	Box 5	Folder 14
Social Services Union Local 535 Newsletter, 1975 December - 1976 September	Box 5	Folder 15
Social Services Union Local 535 Newsletter, 1976 December - 1977 October	Box 5	Folder 16
535 Newsletter, 1977 December - 1979 March	Box 5	Folder 17
Social Services Union, Local 535	Box 5	Folder 18
State Gram Social Services Union Local 535, 1971 May	Box 5	Folder 19
State of the Union - SEIU Local 535, 1981 December - 1982 December	Box 5	Folder 20
State of the Union - SEIU Local 535, 1983 September - 1984 November	Box 5	Folder 21
State of the Union - SEIU Local 535, 1985 March - 1986 October	Box 5	Folder 22
State of the Union - SEIU Local 535, 1997 Summer - 1990 November	Box 5	Folder 23
State of the Union - SEIU Local 535, 1991 March - 1992 November	Box 5	Folder 24
State of the Union - SEIU Local 535, 1993 March - 1994 November	Box 5	Folder 25
Even the Score in '94, 1994 March	Box 5	Folder 26
Coalition News, 1977 April 26	Box 5	Folder 27
Capitol Capers, 1972 January 28	Box 5	Folder 28
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**Series 4: Audiovisual Materials, circa 1976-1995**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
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Alameda County Strike, Clippings; 1976	Box 5	Folder 31
Scrapbook (1 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 32
Scrapbook (2 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 33
Scrapbook (3 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 34
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Scrapbook (5 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 36
Scrapbook (6 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 37
Scrapbook (7 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 38
Scrapbook (8 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 39
Scrapbook (9 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 40
Scrapbook (10 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 41
Scrapbook (11 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 42
Scrapbook (12 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 43
Scrapbook (13 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 44
Scrapbook (14 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 45
Scrapbook (15 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 46
Scrapbook (16 of 30)	Box 5	Folder 47
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T-shirt; Dragon Motif	Box 6	Folder 3
T-shirt; Women's Conference, 1990	Box 6	Folder 4
T-shirt; Women's Conference, 1991	Box 6	Folder 5
T-shirt; Multicultural Unity	Box 6	Folder 6
T-shirt; 1964 - 1989	Box 6	Folder 7
T-shirt; Emerging Majority	Box 6	Folder 8
T-shirt; Local 535	Box 6	Folder 9
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