

SEIU Executive Vice President's Office: Patricia Ford Records

1 folder, 3.5 Megabytes (25 digital files)

1997-2005, bulk 2002-2004

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

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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

1. "CBTU Detroit Awards Dinner Speech," 2003
2. "CBTU Northern California Awards Event," 2002
3. "Freedom Rides for Immigrant Workers," 2003
4. "Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda," 2003
5. "Remarks at the International Symposium on Social Welfare Services and Status of Workers Concerned"
6. "March on Washington," 2003-08-23
7. "Member Political Action Conference," 2003-09-09
8. "Difficult Days Ahead," 2004-01-15
9. "NAACP Detroit Statewide Branch," 2005-09-25
10. "NAACP Florida Statewide Branch," 2003-10-30
11. "NACCP Tennessee Statewide Branch," 2003-09-18
12. "National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) Legislative Conference," 2002-12-13
13. "National Organizing Convention," 2003-03-21
14. Black and Brown Unity/Immigration Reform: Our Brother's and Sister's Keeper," 2003
15. "SEIU International Convention Farewell," 2004-06-17
16. "Health Security for All," 2002-08-23
17. "Black and Brown Unity/National Coalition on Black Voter Participation: Beyond Black and White: An Open Dialogue with Black and Latino Leaders," 2003-05-08,
18. "SEIU Eastern Region Social and Economic Justice," 2002-06
19. "Voucher and Political Action Speech," 2003-07-23,
20. "Breaking Down Barriers to Equality: Affirmative Action is Just the Beginning," 2003-10-03
21. "Breaking Down Barriers to Equality: Affirmative Action is Just the Beginning," 2003-10-02
22. "Coalition of Labor Union Women 30th Anniversary Luncheon," 2004-03-27
23. "Southern Regional Conference," 2003-07-25
24. International Labor Leaders' Breakfast: Where Do We Go From Here," 2004-04-23
25. "Coalition of Labor Union Women 30th Anniversary Luncheon," 2004-03-26 [Draft

AV Materials

1. Photographs