Inventory of the Dion Louise Aroner Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Dion Louise Aroner papers
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Collection number: See series description
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Abstract: Assembly Member Dion Louise Aroner, Democrat, was elected to the Legislature in 1996 and served three consecutive terms representing Assembly District 14. The Dion Louise Aroner Papers consist of 5 cubic feet of records reflecting Aroner's activities during her time as an Assembly Member from 1997 to 2002. The bill files document her legislative activity during her term as a member of the California State Legislature.

Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition Information
California State Archives acquired the Dion Louise Aroner Papers following her final term in the California State Legislature.

Biography
Assembly Member Dion Louise Aroner, Democrat, was elected to the Legislature in 1996 and served three consecutive terms. She represented Assembly District 14, which runs along the eastern side of San Francisco and San Pablo Bays and is a mix of industrial and residential communities. Cities in the district include Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, San Pablo, most of Richmond, and about one fourth of Oakland. Education and high-tech industry are major economic factors in the district, with the University of California, Berkeley acting as a strong magnet for other businesses. Dion Louise Aroner was born on June 6, 1945 in San Francisco. She received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1966 and worked in Alameda County as a social worker from 1967 to 1972. From 1972 to 1976 she joined the staff of Alameda County Supervisor Tom Bates. In 1970 she served as president of the Alameda County chapter.

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of the Service Employees International Union Local 535, and in 1971 the union elected her statewide president, the first woman and youngest person to hold the office. After Bates was elected to the Assembly in 1976, Aroner continued working on his staff for the next twenty years, eventually becoming his chief of staff until he was termed out in 1996. With the support of Bates, Aroner successfully ran in 1996 for the Assembly District 14 seat left vacant by Bates and served until 2002, when she was termed out of office. She and her husband David Aroner have two children, Joshua and Danielle.

According to the California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks), Dion Louise Aroner served on the following committees:

**Standing Committees**
- Appropriations, 2001-2002
- Budget, 1999-2002
- Housing and Community Development, 1998
- Human Services, 1997-2002
  *Chair 1997-2002
- Judiciary, 1997-2000
- Revenue and Taxation, 1997-2002
- Water, Parks and Wildlife, 2001-2002

**Subcommittees**
- Budget: Health and Human Services, 2001-2002

**Select Committees**
- Aging, 1998
- California's Women, 1998
- Coastal Protection, 1998
- Mental Health, 1998
- Palliative Care, 2001-2002
- Welfare Reform Implementation, 1998

**Joint Committees**
- Task Force on Workforce Investment, 1999
- Welfare Reform, 1997

**Scope and Content**
The Dion Louise Aroner Papers consist of 5 cubic feet of records reflecting Aroner's activities during her time as an Assembly Member from 1997 to 2002. The bill files document her legislative activity during her term as a member of the California State Legislature. The bills introduced by Dion Louise Aroner include a wide array of subjects. She authored bills concerning educational finance, childcare, disability rights, children's mental health, adoptions, foster care, and family policy.

**Arrangement**
Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session and numerically by bill number.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Aroner, Dion Louise
California. Legislature. Assembly

Physical Description: 70 file folders

Scope and Content

Bill files created by Dion Louise Aroner may include bill analyses, amendments, author’s statements, correspondence, committee statements, author’s statements, press releases, newspaper clippings, and background information.

California State Assembly

1999-2000 AB150-AB2921, AJR17 (20ff) LP355:26-45
2001-2002 AB212-AB2972, AJR49 (25ff) LP355:46-70