Inventory of the Bill Campbell Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Bill Campbell Papers
Dates: 1997-2002
Collection number: LP458
Creator: Campbell, Bill
Collection Size: 3 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California

Abstract: The Bill Campbell Papers consist of 3 cubic feet of textual records that reflect Campbell's legislative activities during his six-year career in the Assembly.

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

Access

While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.

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Biography

Bill Campbell, Republican, was a State Assembly Member, 1997-2002. He represented the 71st Assembly District, which at the time included the cities of Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Orange, Villa Park, and parts of Anaheim, Irvine, Santa Ana, Tustin, and San Juan Capistrano.

Campbell was born on April 8, 1942 in Los Angeles and was raised in Pico Rivera. He earned a B.S. in electrical engineering from Loyola Marymount University in 1965 and a M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1967. Prior to his election, Campbell worked in the aerospace industry and then in 1977 he formed the BIMA Corporation, which is a franchisee of the Taco Bell Corporation. His wife, Mary Catherine, served as BIMA's president during Campbell's term in the Assembly. Bill and Mary Catherine have three adult sons named Patrick, Chris, and Brian.

In 1996, five conservative Republicans ran for the 71st district seat. Campbell was elected in November after edging out former Orange mayor, Jim Beam, in the primary election. As an Assembly Member, Campbell had thirty-two bills signed into law, including the Children's Internet Protection Act and the Manufacturers' Investment Tax Credit. Additionally, Campbell pushed to make California more business-friendly through lowering the capital gains tax. During his term in the Legislature,
Bill Campbell was also a member of the following committees:

**Standing Committees**
Appropriations, 1999-2000
*Vice Chair, 2000
Banking and Finance, 1999-2000, 2002
*Vice Chair, 2002
Budget, 1997
Education 1997-2000
*Vice Chair, 1999
Elections, Reappointment, and Constitutional Amendments, 2002
Energy Costs and Availability, 2002
*Vice Chair, 1998

**Sub Committees**
Appropriations-Infrastructure Finance, 2000

**Select Committees**
Aging, 1998
California's Children, 2000
Defense Conversion, 1998
Education Technology, 2000
Municipal Finance Reform, 2000
Professional Sports, 1998
School Facilities Finance, 2000
Welfare Reform Implementation, 1998

**Joint Committees**
Legislative Sunset Review, 1998
Rules, 2001

**Special Committees**
Legislative Ethics, 1998

**Scope and Content**
The Bill Campbell Papers consist of 3 cubic feet of textual records that reflect Campbell's legislative activities during his six-year career in the Assembly. The records are comprised entirely of Bill Files (1997-2002). The Bill Files include legislation that was introduced by Campbell and consist of a wide array of subjects including welfare reform, tax reform, public parks, and food safety.

**Accruals**
No further accruals are expected.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Aging
Education
Budget--California
LP458:1-46

Series 1 Bill Files 1997-2002

Physical Description: 46 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

This series contains bill files created by Bill Campbell while he served as an Assembly Member, 1997-2002. The files may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other background materials.

Campbell introduced some notable legislation, such as AB132 (1997-1998), known as the Children's Internet Protection Act, which required school districts to adopt a policy regarding access by students to internet sites that contain harmful information, as defined by the penal code. Also notable is AB1828 (1999-2000), the Halal Food Production Act, which requires stores and businesses that sell halal food to follow the same rules with regards to the Islamic faith as is required for stores that advertise kosher food.

1999-2000: AB7-AB2952, ACR76 (6ff) LP458:27-32
2001-2001: HR28-HR94 (1ff) LP458:46