Inventory of the Wilma Chan Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Wilma Chan Papers
Dates: 2001-2006
Collection number: LP459
Creator: Wilma Chan, California Legislator
Collection Size: 13.5 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California

Abstract: Wilma Chan was elected to the California State Assembly in 2000 and served until 2006. The Wilma Chan Papers consists of 13.5 cubic feet of textual records reflecting Chan's legislative activity during her time as member of the California State 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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Acquisition and Custodial History
The California State Archives acquired the Wilma Chan Papers following her final term in the State Legislature.

Biography
Wilma Chan, Democrat, served in the State Assembly from 2001 to 2006. Chan represented the 16th Assembly District, which included Oakland, Piedmont, and Alameda in Alameda County.

Chan was born on October 5, 1949 in Boston, Massachusetts. She attended Wellesley College where she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. She earned her Master of Arts degree in education policy from Stanford University.

Wilma Chan is married to Carl Zeff, a public school teacher. Chan has two children from her marriage: a daughter, Jennifer and son, Daren. Prior to her work in the Assembly, Chan was program coordinator for Effective Parenting Information for Children. Chan was elected as the first Asian American to serve on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in 1994 and remained in this position until 2000. She also served on the Oakland Board of Education, 1990-1994, prior to her election to the California State Assembly.

After her time in the Assembly, Chan acted as the Legislator in Residence at UC Berkley where she taught political science for two years, 2006-2007. She ran an unsuccessful campaign against Loni Hancock for California State Senate, District 9 in 2008. Chan served four years on the California Medical Assistance Commission working on hospital care for Medical patients. She also completed a stint as Vice President for Policy at Children Now, a child advocacy organization based out of Oakland. Wilma Chan was re-elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in 2010. Chan received numerous awards during her tenure in public service. These awards include: Person of the Year: World Journal, Legislator of the Year: Oakland East Bay Democratic Club, and Rising Star Award: CA League of Conservation Voters.

According to the California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks) and the Assembly Final History, Chan served on the following committees:

**Standing Committees:**
- Aging and Long Term Care, 2001-2002
- Banking and Finance, 2001-2002
- Budget, 2001-2006
- Governmental Organization, 2001-2002
- Health, 2001-2006
- *Chair, 2005-2006
- Labor and Employment, 2003-2006
- Public Employees, Retirement, and Social Security, 2001-2004
- Transportation, 2003-2006

**Select Committees:**
- Air and Water Quality, 2001-2004
- Airports and the Airline Industry, 2003-2004
- Asian Trade, 2001-2004
- *Chair, 2001-2004
- California's Children's School Readiness and Health, 2001-2006
- *Chair, 2001-2006
- California's Foreign Trade Offices, 2003-2004
- California-Mexico Affairs, 2001-2002
- California Ports, 2003-2004
- Cancer Detection, Prevention and Research, 2003-2004
- Childhood Obesity and Related Diabetes, 2003-2004
- Community Colleges, 2005-2006
- Environmental Justice, 2003-2004
- Equal Access to Preschool, 2003-2004
- Future of California's Health, 2003-2004
- Foster Care, 2005-2006
- Language and Access to the Government, 2001-2004
- *Co-Chair, 2001-2004
- Los Angeles Health Care Crisis, 2005-2006
- Olmstead Implementation, 2005-2006
- Ports, 2005-2006
Urban Revitalization, 2001-2002

Subcommittees:
Education Finance, No. 2 (Budget), 2001-2006

Joint Committees:
Develop a Master Plan to End Poverty in California, 2003-2004
Legislative Audit, 2003-2004
*Co-Chair, 2003-2004

Scope and Content
The Wilma Chan papers consist of 13.5 cubic feet of textual records reflecting Chan's legislative activity during her time as member of the California State Assembly. The collection is organized into one record series: Bill Files, 2001-2006.

The bills introduced by Wilma Chan address a wide array of subjects. Bill files are particularly useful for researchers interested in children's health, nutrition, and fitness programs; Medi-Cal; substance abuse; and pesticide regulation. Wilma Chan authored bills concerning children's education, environmental issues related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), mental health assistance, elder care, school safety, and planning and development.

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.
Chan, Wilma
Education, Elementary - California
Mental health laws - California
Nutrition

Series 1 Bill Files 2001-2006

Physical Description: 256 file folders

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

Scope and Content Note
Bill files created by Wilma Chan may include bill analyses, amendments, resolutions, author statements, testimonies, press releases, letters of support and opposition, editorials, newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information.
