Guide to the Liz Figueroa Papers

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<td><strong>Biography</strong></td>
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<td>Liz Figueroa, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member from 1995 to 1998 and a State Senator from 1999 to 2006. Her 20th Assembly District covered the southeast corner of the San Francisco Bay Area and contained parts of Alameda and Santa Clara counties, including cities such as Fremont, Milpitas, and Newark. The 10th Senate District was comprised of the 18th and 20th Assembly Districts; thus Figueroa represented much of the same constituency when she became a Senator. Figueroa was born on February 9, 1951, in San Francisco, California to immigrants from El Salvador. She attended College of San Mateo and University of California, Berkeley. In 1979, she founded Figueroa Employment Consultants, a business that provides job placement services to injured employees. At the age of eighteen, she was appointed to the San Mateo Human Relations Commission and, in 1987, became the first female board member of the Union Sanitary District. From 1988 to 1994, she was chair of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee. Her husband is Robert Bloom, with...</td>
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whom she has two children.

In her first bid for elective office in November 1994, Figueroa received 50% of the vote against Republican Scott Haggerty to win the seat of the 20th Assembly District. In 1996, she won against Republican Anthony Smith with 61% of the votes cast. Rather than wait for her term limits to expire in 2000, she opted to run in 1998 for the vacant State Senate seat of the 10th District. She handily won against Republican Bob Gough with 68% of votes cast. In 2002, she won by the same percentage against Republican Jim Gunther. Facing term limits in 2006, she ran in that year’s June Primary Election for the office of Lieutenant Governor but was defeated by fellow Democrat John Garamendi.

As of this writing, Figueroa is the Vice-President of Public Relations at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte and serves on the board of many organizations: the Little Hoover Commission, Women in Government, Hispanic Community Affairs Council, Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network, the American Board of Plastic Surgery, Legal Assistance for Seniors, Centro Legal de la Raza Advisory Board, California Corporate Board Registry Advisory Board, AnewAmerica Women's Business Center, and the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research (CEWAER).

During her tenure in the Legislature, Liz Figueroa was a member of the following committees.

**California State Assembly, 1995-1998**

*Leadership*

Women's Legislative Caucus, 1994-1998

*Standing Committees*

Budget, 1996-1998
Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, 1995
*Vice-Chair, 1995
Health, 1997-1998
Higher Education, 1996
Human Services, 1996
*Vice-Chair, 1996
*Chair, 1997-1998
Judiciary, 1995-1998
Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, 1995
Transportation, 1997-1998

*Select Committees*

Aerospace, 1997-1998
*Chair, 1997-1998
California's Women, 1998
Education Technology, 1998

*Subcommittees*

Budget #5: Information Technology/Transportation, 1998

*Joint Committees*

Task Force on Personal Information and Privacy, 1998
Worker's Compensation, 1998

**California State Senate, 1999-2006**

*Leadership*

Democratic Senate Caucus, 2005-2006
Internet Caucus, 2006
Latino Caucus, 2005-2006
Smart Growth Caucus, 2006
Women's Legislative Caucus, 1998-2006
*Chair, 2005

*Standing Committees*
Banking, Finance, and Insurance, 2005
Business and Professions, 1999-2004
*Chair, 1999-2004
Business, Professions and Economic Development, 2005-2006
*Chair, 2005-2006
Environmental Quality, 2001-2005
Government Modernization, Efficiency and Accountability, 2005-2006
*Chair, 2005-2006
Health, 2005-2006
Health and Human Services, 1999-2004
Industrial Relations, 1999-2000
Insurance, 1999-2004
Labor and Industrial Relations, 2001-2005
Transportation, 1999-2004

Select Committees
Bay Area Infrastructure, 2002-2004
Bay Area Transportation, 2001-2004
Baylands Acquisition, 2003-2004
California's Horse Racing Industry, 2002-2006
California's Wine Industry, 2005-2006
Children, Youth and Families, 2006
*Chair, 2006
Defense and Aerospace Industry, 2004
Economic Development, 2001-2004
Health Care for all Californians, 2003-2004
*Chair, 2004, 2006
Technological Crime and the Consumer, 2001-2004
*Chair, 2001-2004

Subcommittees
Business and Professions: Future of the Health Care Professions, 2004
*Chair, 2004
*Chair, 2006
Business and Professions: Technological Crime and the Consumer, 2006
*Chair, 2006

Joint Committees
Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection, 2005-2006
*Chair, 2005-2006
Legislative Sunset Review, 2001-2004
*Chair, 2001-2004

Scope and Content
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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.

Consumer protection - California
Medical care - California
Transportation --California

LP453:1-197 Series 1 Bill Files 1995-2006
Physical Description: 197 file folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.
Scope and Content Note
Audio/videotapes have been removed to cold storage and separation sheets are included within the file folders to indicate this.
1997-1998 AB12-AB2649 (41ff) LP453:28-68
1999-2000 SB7-SB2124 (54ff) LP453:69-122
2001-2002 SB16-SB2027 (34ff) LP453:123-156
2005-2006 SB228-SB1806 (23ff) LP453:175-197

LP453:198-209 Series 2 Correspondence 1995-2000
Physical Description: 12 file folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by month.
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence covers all of Figueroa's time in the Assembly and the first two years of her time as Senator. The files are primarily outgoing letters such as replies to letters received or requests being made. Files may also include news clippings, notes, memoranda, reports, and resolutions. Notable topics include education, Auburn Dam, crime, carpool lanes, insurance, mortgage, healthcare, recycling, methyl bromide, hunting, child support, gay marriage, concealed weapons, abortion, vehicle smog regulation, female genital mutilation, and immigration. Correspondents include constituents, other legislators, media representatives, and community as well as local government leaders.
Correspondence from Figueroa's Assembly years are dated December 1995 to November 1998 and consist of 10 file folders (LP453:198-207); Senate years are dated December 1998 to December 2000 and consist of 2 file folders (LP453:208-209).