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## Inventory of the Nicole Parra Papers

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Nicole Parra Papers

**Dates:** 1998-2008

**Collection number:** LP485

**Creator:** Nicole Parra, California Legislator

**Collection Size:** 7.75 cubic feet

**Repository:** California State Archives

Sacramento, California

**Abstract:** Nicole Parra, a Democrat, served as a State Assembly Member from 2003 to 2008. The Nicole Parra papers consist of eleven record series: Assembly Bill Files, 2003-2008, Subject Files, 2001-2008, Hearing Files, 2005-2007, Correspondence, 2003-2008, Weekly Reports, 2006-2008, Resolutions, 2004-2006, Press Files, 2002-2006, Transportation Committee Working Papers, 2003-2004, Office Administrative Files, 2005-2007, Photographs, 2001-2006, and Artifacts.

**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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### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition and Custodial History

California State Archives acquired the Nicole Parra papers, in a series of five transfers, beginning in 2007 (Accession Numbers: 2007-080, 2008-072, 2008-143, 2009-031, and 2016-128).

### Biography

Nicole Parra, a Democrat, served as a State Assembly Member from 2003 to 2008. She represented the 30th District, which included the cities of Alpaugh, Bakersfield, Coalinga, Corcoran, Delano, Hanford, Kingsburg, Lemoore, Shafter, and Wasco within Fresno, Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties.

Parra was born on February 3rd, 1970, in Bakersfield, California. She attended University of California, Berkeley and received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1992. She then attended Catholic University's Columbus School of Law in Washington D.C. and received her J.D. in 1998.

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Prior to her service in the Assembly, Parra worked as a legislative assistant for Congressman Cal Dooley, and later became his district director from 1998 until her run for a seat in the State Assembly in 2002.

Nicole Parra was elected to the State Assembly in 2002. She served until reaching her term limit in 2008. During her time in the State Assembly she focused on stimulating the Central Valley's agricultural economy. In 2009, Parra accepted an appointment from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as Director of the Governor's Regional Development Initiatives under the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; she resigned from the appointment later that year. Since leaving the State Assembly, she has taught political science at California State University, Bakersfield and served as Executive Vice President for Public Affairs at Global Regenesi, an environmentally conscience community development corporation.

1970 Born in Bakersfield  
2002 Elected to California State Assembly  
2003 Began term in the State Assembly representing the 30th District  
2003-2004 Chair of Standing Committee on Veteran Affairs  
2003-2004 Chair of Select Committee on Megan's Law and Sex Offender Registration  
2003-2004 Chair of Select Committee on National Defense, Technology, and Jobs  
2005-2006 Chair of Select Committee on Water, Infrastructure, and the Economy  
2005-2006 Chair of Joint Legislative Audit Committee  
2007-2008 Chair of Standing Committee on Agriculture  
2007-2008 Chair of Moderate Democratic Caucus  
2008 Ended service in the State Assembly

#### **Scope and Content**

The Nicole Parra papers consist of eleven record series: Assembly Bill Files, 2003-2008, Subject Files, 2001-2008, Hearing Files, 2005-2007, Correspondence, 2003-2008, Weekly Reports, 2006-2008, Resolutions, 2004-2006, Press Files, 2002-2006, Transportation Committee Working Papers, 2003-2004, Office Administrative Files, 2005-2007, Photographs, 2001-2006, and Artifacts. The records document her legislative activity during her term as a member of the California State Legislature. The bills introduced by Parra include a wide array of subjects, with a focus on agriculture, economic development, health care, national defense, public safety, and veterans' affairs. Parra was particularly concerned with Megan's Law, authoring multiple bills that expanded the parameters of Megan's Law to make information on sex offenders more accessible. Parra was also active in authoring bills to support veterans and family members of veterans.

Two accessions included the working files of Nicole Parra's office administration. Parra's legislative director Tom Higgins' papers have been interfiled into Parra's bill files and hearing files; his correspondence have been filed under the Office Administrative Files series. Her legislative aide John Vigna's papers have also been interfiled into Parra's bill files and hearing files.

#### **Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

#### **Related Material at the California State Archives**

Assembly Agriculture Committee records  
Assembly Transportation records  
Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee records  
Dean Florez papers

#### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Parra, Nicole  
Agriculture - California  
Economic development  
Public safety  
Veterans - California

LP485:1-60

Series 1 **Bill Files 2003-2008**

**Physical Description:** 60 file folders

**Arrangement**

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

**Scope and Content Note**

Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number. Bill files created by Nicole Parra may include bill analyses, amendments, resolutions, author statements, testimonies, press releases, editorials and newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information. Of particular interest are those bills relating to Megan's Law (AB488 and AB1313, 2003-2004; AB4371, AB438, and AB439, 2005-2006; and AB148, 2007-2008), home-to-school transportation (AB775 and AB2465, 2003-2004; AB1110, 2005-2006; AB699, 2007-2008), veterans (AB323, AB1179, AB1736, AB2266, AB2739, and AJR5, 2003-2004; AB460, AB2085, AB2586, and ACR37, 2005-2006).

2003-2004: AB190-AB2739, ACR37, AJR5-AJR10 (13ff) LP485:1-13

2005-2006: AB31-AB2803, ACR37-ACR88 (32ff) LP485:14-45

2007-2008: AB8-AB2342, ACR129 (15ff) LP485:46-60

LP485:61-141

Series 2 **Subject Files 2001-2008**

**Physical Description:** 81 file folders, 24 videocassettes (VHS), 2 videocassettes (Betamax), 7 videodiscs (DVD), 9 compact discs (CD-R).

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by subject title.

**Access Information**

Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

**Scope and Content Note**

The subject files created by Nicole Parra reflect various projects, interests, and appearances by Parra during her tenure in the State Assembly. Subject files may contain reports, newspaper articles, program proposals, meeting notes, news stories, advertisements, and video recordings of various programs and information. Parra's subject files focus on various topics and issues considered by the Assembly Committees she chaired, or of which she was a member. The subject files also reflect Parra's special interests such as agriculture, economic development, education, health, public safety, and veterans.

See Appendix A for a complete listing of folder titles.

**Additional Series Information**

[Appendix A: List of Subject Files](#)

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Series 3 **Hearing Files 2005-2007**

**Physical Description:** 9 file folders, 3 videodiscs (DVD).

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

**Access Information**

Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

**Scope and Content Note**

The hearing files contain eight file folders which contain recording logs and/or agendas. Hearing files also contain video recordings of regular session hearings and floor sessions of the Assembly. The hearing files relate to Parra's interest in the Central Valley and environmental issues.

See Appendix B for a complete listing of hearing files.

**Additional Series Information**

[Appendix B: List of Hearing Files](#)

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Series 4 **Correspondence 2003-2008**

**Physical Description:** 9 file folders

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by date.

**Scope and Content Note**

The correspondence files include selected letters to and from Assembly Member Parra regarding a variety of her legislative focuses, which include letters of support and opposition, requests for support, and general correspondence with assembly members and constituents. The series has one file of "thank you" letters to Nicole Parra (LP485:151).

LP485:160-178

Series 5 **Weekly Reports 2006-2008**

**Physical Description:** 19 file folders

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by month.

**Scope and Content Note**

The weekly report files include detailed records of Parra's office, which also contain hand written notes. These weekly reports contain scheduling, meetings, events, projects, constituent casework, and other various activities of Assembly Member Parra.

LP485:179-187

Series 6 **Resolutions 2004-2006**

**Physical Description:** 9 file folders

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by year.

**Scope and Content Note**

The resolution files include member resolutions supported by Parra to recognize her constituents. These files contain resolution request forms, background on reason for the resolutions, Parra's responses to resolutions requests, official wording of the resolutions, and copies of the final resolutions.

LP485:188-197

Series 7 **Press Files 2002-2006**

**Physical Description:** 10 file folders

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by date.

**Scope and Content Note**

The press files include news coverage relating to Parra's 2002 State Assembly campaign (LP485:188), press kits, which have background for members of the press (LP485:189), news releases for 2003 (LP485:190-191), 2004 (LP485:192-193), 2005 (LP485:194), and 2006 (LP485:197). News releases also contain hand written notes. The press files also include "Parra notes" (LP485:195), which are Parra's personal news updates on her activities during the legislative session. The series also contains Parra's 2005 summer press tour file (LP485:196), which include Parra's talking points from interviews with the press and fact sheets for bills.

LP485:198-202

Series 8 **Transportation Committee Working Papers 2003-2004**

**Physical Description:** 5 file folders

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically by date.

**Scope and Content Note**

This series relates to Parra's service on the Assembly Transportation Committee during the 2003-2004 legislative session. The Transportation Committee working papers include hearing files containing agendas, memoranda with voting recommendations, and the committee votes. The files also include information on bills being heard, and support and opposition letters. The series also contains hand written notes throughout.

- LP485:203-205      Series 9 **Office Administrative Files 2005-2007**  
**Physical Description:** 3 file folders  
**Arrangement**  
Arranged chronologically by date.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
The office administrative files include office correspondence and memoranda.
- LP485:206-220      Series 10 **Photographs 1998-2006**  
**Physical Description:** 13 file folders (97 color photographs), computer discs (CD-R)  
**Arrangement**  
Arranged alphabetically by subject.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
The photographs document Parra's campaign for the State Assembly in 2002 and her subsequent activities as an Assembly Member. The photographs include Nicole Parra at various events.  
See Appendix C for a complete listing of photographs files.  
**Additional Series Information**  
[Appendix C: List of Photographs](#)
- LP485:221-225      Series 11 **Artifacts Undated**  
**Physical Description:** 5 items  
**Arrangement**  
Arranged alphabetically by subject.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Firearm safety lock from Chicano Correctional Workers Association LP485:221  
"I Love Kingsburg" button (LP485:222)  
"Megan's Law" poster for AB488 (LP485:223)  
"Megan's Law" sticker for AB488 (LP485:224)  
Nicole Parra for Assembly sticker (LP485:225)