Finding Aid to the Judith Sutliff Collection on the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) and the United Farm Workers (UFW)

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Abstract: The Judith Sutliff collection consists of personal papers donated by Sutliff, gathered while working as a volunteer with the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), and the United Farm Workers (UFW) during the years 1962-1982. The collection includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, fliers, fact sheets, press releases, photographs, and a scrapbook.

Availability
Collection is open for research.

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Separated Materials
United Farm Workers banner from the 1982 Bertoluccio Boycott has been added to the Artifacts Collection.

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Biographical Information
Judith Sutliff worked with the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), which merged with the Agricultural Workers of California (AWOC) in 1965 to form the United Farm Workers (UFW). Sutliff was a full time volunteer in the NFWA and UFW from 1965 to 1968. She was involved with organizing and fund-raising activities in Lamont, California; Denver; Chicago; and New York. She was an office organizer in Bakersfield, California, and was involved in setting up a hiring hall in Lamont, California. She also served on the UFW grape boycott committee in Chicago in 1968.

Scope and Contents
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At the time of Sutliff's main involvement in the UFW, the union was attempting to force growers who would not sign a union contract into negotiating with strike and boycott actions. The strike on grape growers began in 1965 and lasted for five years. The UFW boycott of table grapes and lettuce took on a national scale and resulted in union victory. Major issues included: the UFW's exclusion from the National Labor Relations Board because the language of the National Labor Recovery Act excluded farm workers from being considered industrial trade unions, police violence against strikers (especially the Texas Rangers), the use of illegal aliens as strikebreakers and the refusal of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to enforce immigration laws against illegal strikebreakers, the poor living and labor conditions of farm workers, the effects of pesticides on the health of farm workers, and the poor sanitary conditions that the farm workers were subject to in the fields.

Box 1, Folder 1  Correspondence 1966-1968
Grape Boycott
Box 1, Folder 2  Guimarra and Joseph letter writing campaign 1968
Box 1, Folder 3  National Labor Relations Board decision 1968
Box 1, Folder 4  Statements of support for grape boycott from unions 1968-1969
Box 1, Folder 5  United Farm Workers newsletters and memos 1967-1969
Box 1, Folder 6  Fact sheets, flyers, press releases, etc. 1962-1972
Box 1, Folder 7  Pamphlets about farm workers 1966-1968
Box 1, Folder 8-9  News clippings 1962-1970
Box 1, Folder 10  Photographs 1965-1969
Scope and Contents
Includes color images of the grape boycott from 1968; and mounted black and white photographs attributed to photographer Jon Lewis of an image of Larry Itliong speaking, portraits of unidentified individuals, and a clinic and the office of the National Farm Workers Association in Delano, California.

Box 2  Scrapbook (original) 1966-1970
Box 2  Scrapbook (photocopies) 1966-1970