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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Dixon (Julian C.) Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1973-1978

**Collection number:** See Series Descriptions

**Creator:** Dixon, Julian

**Extent:** 5.5 cubic feet

**Repository:** California State Archives

Sacramento, California

**Abstract:** Julian Carey Dixon, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member representing portions of Los Angeles County from 1973-1978. He was a Representative in the United States Congress from 1979-2000. His papers include Assembly bill files, 1973-1978; committee files, 1973-1977; and subject files, 1973-1976.

**Physical location:** California State Archives

**Language:** English.

**Access**

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**Preferred Citation**

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**Acquisition Information**

The California State Archives acquired the Julian Dixon papers following his assembly term.

**Processing History**

This collection was processed by the California State Archives staff.

**Biography**

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Julian Carey Dixon, Democrat, was a State Assembly Member, 1973-1978. His 63rd District included portions of Los Angeles County. Following redistricting in 1974, he represented the 49th District which included portions of Los Angeles County.

Dixon was born in Washington, D.C. on August 8, 1934; his family moved to Los Angeles in 1947. He attended Los Angeles grammar and high schools and he graduated from Los Angeles State College with a B.S. in Political Science in 1962. He attended Southwestern University Law School, graduating in 1967. He served in the United States Army as a Sergeant, 1957-1960. Dixon married Bettye Lee and had a son, Cary Gordon Dixon.

Dixon was a member of the State Sickle Cell Anemia Advisory Committee, the NAACP, the Urban League and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Prior to being elected to the State Assembly, he was Administrative Assistant to State Senator Mervyn M. Dymally. He was a delegate to the California State Democratic conventions, 1972-1978, and to the Democratic National Convention, 1976.

Dixon was first elected to the State Assembly in 1972. He served in the Assembly from 1973-1978. According to the California Legislature at Sacramento (Handbooks), Dixon served on the following committees as a State Assembly Member:

#### **Biography/Organization History**

##### *Standing Committees*

California Arts Commission, 1975-1978

Criminal Justice, 1973-1978

Education, 1973-1975

Employment and Public Employees, 1973-1974

\* Vice Chair, 1973-1974

Public Employees and Retirement, 1976

Retirement, 1973-1974

Ways and Means, 1976-1978

##### *Select Committees*

Health Sciences Education, 1976

\* Vice Chair, 1976

Juvenile Violence, 1974

\* Vice Chair, 1974

In 1979, Julian Dixon began his eleven consecutive terms as a Representative in the United States Congress. Dixon was known as an influential conciliator who created bipartisan coalitions, yet held very few press conferences compared to most of his colleagues. He served as senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee. In 1989, he was chair of the Committee on the Standards of Official Conduct when it investigated House Speaker Jim Wright, who later resigned. As a Representative, he helped secure emergency funds for damaged businesses after the 1992 civil disturbances in Los Angeles, and for communities after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. He was a leading supporter of Los Angeles' commuter rail system. He also chaired the appropriations panel responsible for Washington, D.C.

Julian Dixon died on December 8, 2000, shortly after winning re-election to his 12th term in the House with 84% of the vote. He is buried in Inglewood Cemetery, Los Angeles.

#### **Scope and Content**

The Julian Dixon Papers consist of 5.5 cubic feet of records containing Assembly bill files, 1973-1978; committee files, 1973-1977; and subject files, 1973-1976. During his time as an Assembly Member, Dixon authored and supported bills on anti-discrimination laws, minority issues, juvenile justice, wards of the court, school district regulations and retirement plans for public employees. His bills included anti-discrimination measures such as AB3124, which significantly reformed the Fair Employment Practices Commission and AB1774, which prohibited licensees under the Business and Professions Code from discriminating based on race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin. Dixon's committee files and his subject files reflect his continuing interest in African American issues, the justice system, and retirement for public employees. His committee files reflect the key issues of the committees he served on, including criminal justice, education, elections and reapportionment, and public employees' retirement. His subject files include correspondence, memos and background information on consumer affairs, environment, health, media, minorities, transportation and women.

#### **Related Collections**

Additional records may be found in the Julian Dixon Collection of the Public Officials' Papers Collections at the library of California State University, Los Angeles.

#### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been associated with these materials in the Archives' automated public access system (currently in development, December 2004).

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**Subjects**

Dixon, Julian C., 1934-2000  
California. Legislature. Assembly. Committee on Criminal Justice  
Minority business enterprises  
African American legislators

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LP163:69-113;  
LP168:28-33;  
LP196:217-235

**Bill Files 1973-1978**

**Physical Description:** 70 file folders

**Scope and Content Note****Arrangement**

Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session and alphabetically and numerically by bill number.

Bill files created by Julian Dixon include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, correspondence, position statements, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, background information, and committee statements.

1973-1974 AB358-AB4421, ACA38, ACRs, AJR43 (14ff) LP163:69-82

1975-1976 AB85-AB4424, ACRs, AB24x (22ff) LP163:83-104

1975-1976 AB1428, AB3121 (11ff) LP196:217-27

1977-1978 AB90, AB958 (8ff) LP196:228-235

1977-1978 AB84-AB3599, ACR14 (9ff) LP163:105-113

1977-1978 AB519, AB1912, AB1915-1920, AB1963, AB2000, AB2178, AB2728, AB2968 (6ff)  
LP168:28-33

LP195:16-41

**Committee Files 1973-1977**

**Physical Description:** 26 file folders

**Scope and Content Note****Arrangement**

Committee files are arranged alphabetically by committee name.

These committee files are comprised of materials kept by Julian Dixon concerning committees on which he served. They include correspondence received and sent, memos, bill analyses, background documentation and general information received on legislation and issues under consideration by the committees.

Criminal Justice, 1973-1977 (11ff) LP195:16-26

Education, 1973-1976 (7ff) LP195:27-33

Elections and Reapportionment, 1973-1975 (3ff) LP195:34-36

Employment and Public Employees, 1973-1975 (2ff) LP195:37-38

Public Employees Retirement, 1975 (2ff) LP195:39-40

Retirement, 1973-1974 (1ff) LP195:41

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LP195:42-52

**Subject Files 1973-1976**

**Physical Description:** 11 file folders

**Scope and Content Note**

**Arrangement**

Subject files are arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Subject files created by Julian Dixon may contain correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, press releases, speeches, opinions, and background materials. They relate to the general areas of proposed and pending legislation, community activities, and district affairs.

Consumer Affairs, 1973-1975 (1ff) LP195: 42

Environment, 1973-1975 (2ff) LP195:43-44

Health, 1973-1976 (1ff) LP195:45

Media, 1973-1975 (1ff) LP195:46

Minorities, Black Organizations, 1973-1975 (4ff) LP195:47-50

Transportation , 1973-1975 (1ff) LP195:51

Women, 1973-1975 (1ff) LP195:52