
INVENTORY OF THE JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COLLECTION, 1984-2007

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Abstract: The Juanita Millender-McDonald collection (1992-2007) includes: correspondence, newsletters, press releases, speeches, reports, flyers, questionnaires, bills and amendments, greeting cards, newspaper clippings, and ephemera including photos, plaques and video tapes. A large number of files are devoted to the Congressional Black Caucus, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Congressional Caucus on Women's issues, California Assembly, and House Administration. Subjects include labor issues, HIV/AIDS, CIA Nicaraguan Contra scandal, education, minority issues, finance, health, the John Kerry Presidential Campaign, political practices and policies, transportation and China.

Language: Collection material is in English

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Acquisition Information

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Biography

Juanita Millender-McDonald (1938-2007) was an educator, civic leader and congresswoman who championed women's and minority issues, human rights and education. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama on September 7, 1938. At three, her mother died and her father moved his family of five children to the Los Angeles area. She received her B.A. in Business at the University of Redlands (1981), and a M.A. in Education Administration from California State University, Los Angeles (1988). She began her career as an English teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) while studying for her first graduate degree. After receiving her Masters, she left the classroom to become a writer for the LAUSD and edited a textbook called Images. The textbook, which was written to steer female students toward non-traditional careers, exemplified Millender-McDonald's life-long interest in women's issues. Later, she was appointed as Director of Gender Equity Programs for the LAUSD.

Her interest in politics began with working on local campaigns including former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's gubernatorial race (1982) and as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention (1984; and later as a state legislator, 1992; and as congresswoman, 2000). She was the first African-American woman councilmember (1990-92) and Mayor Pro Tempore (1991) of Carson, California. She began her career-long interest in transportation issues by tackling the freight train and traffic congestion in the Alameda corridor near Carson. In addition, she showed an early interest in gender equity issues by raising the pay of Carson's city clerk and treasurer.

Millender-McDonald was elected to the California State Legislature (1992-96) as the representative of the 55th Assembly District and became the first woman to chair both the Insurance Committee and the Revenue and Taxation Committee. She was involved early on in raising awareness of HIV and AIDS, especially among black women. For 10 years, she held an annual AIDS Walk at Cal State Dominguez

Hills. She continued to be attracted to transportation and education issues. She resolved the Alameda corridor issue through state legislation and then pursued designating the corridor as a national transportation artery for federal funding. In addition, she conducted hearings across the state for three years to create an urban education reform proposal.

Millender-McDonald was elected to the United States Congress (1996) in a special election and represented the 37th District of California, which included Carson, Compton, Long Beach, Signal Hill and Watts. She was reelected to the six succeeding terms (1997-2007) until her death. She was considered a front-runner for the job of Secretary of Transportation if John Kerry had been elected. She was a firm believer in celebrating women's achievements and in assisting women to fulfill their potential. As an international leader she had been proactive in building coalitions with female leaders in Spain, Africa, Afghanistan, Central America, Canada, China and India to promote the status of women leaders.

As a member of the 109th Congress (2005-06), Millender-McDonald served as the first African-American woman to chair the House Committee on House Administration. She also served on the House Committee on Small Business including the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, the Subcommittee on Tax Finance and Exports (ranking minority member); House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure including the Subcommittee on Aviation, the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Highways, New Democratic Coalition, Transit and Pipelines; Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, Joint Committee on Printing, and Congressional Black Caucus.

Scope and Content

This collection documents Millender-McDonald's professional activities and political interests relating to her career from 1992-2007. This collection includes correspondence, newsletters, press releases, speeches, reports, flyers, questionnaires, bills and amendments, greeting cards, newspaper clippings, and ephemera including photos, plaques and video tapes. The correspondence includes letters from national political figures Hillary Rodham Clinton, John Kerry, and Nancy Pelosi and regional politicians Arnold Schwarzenegger, Joe Baca John Garamendi, Betty Karnette, and Mervyn Dymally. A significant number of files are devoted to her professional activities with the Congressional Black Caucus, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Congressional Caucus on Women's issues, California Assembly, and House Administration. Other political interests include labor issues, HIV/AIDS, CIA Nicaraguan Contra scandal, education, minority issues, finance, health, the John Kerry Presidential Campaign, political practices and policies, transportation and China.

Whenever possible, original folder titles have been retained and the folders kept in their original order.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series:

[Series I. California State Assembly \(1992-1996\)](#)

[Series II. Congress \(1996-2007\)](#)

Subjects

Congressional Black Caucus

Finance

United States. Congress

African American legislatures

Transportation

AIDS (Disease)—Social aspects

HIV infections

California. Legislature

Personal Names

Millender-McDonald, Juanita 1938-2007

Kerry, John

California State Assembly 1992-1996

Physical Description: 1 box

Physical Description: (.42 linear feet)

Scope and Content Note

This series includes correspondence, memos, flyers, Assembly Daily Journal, Assembly Daily File, Assembly Bill, newspaper clippings, newsletters, and legislative reports. Arranged by year.

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California Assembly 1993-1996

Container 1, ID 2	California Assembly 1993-1996
Container 1, ID 3	California Assembly 1993-1996
Container 1, ID 4	California Assembly -- Bills 1992-1996
Container 1, ID 5	California Assembly -- Bills 1993-1996

Congress 1996-2007

Physical Description: 37 boxes

Physical Description: (15.43 linear feet)

Scope and Content Note

This series contains correspondence, memo, flyers, newspaper clippings, newsletters, press releases, speech, bill and amendment, biographies, Congressional Black Caucus papers, committee record, district reports, financial records, House Administration records, House Resolution, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee records, Women's Caucus papers, Greeting cards, plaques, nameplates, and videos. Arranged by year.

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Container 2, ID 10	Bills and amendments 2001
Container 2, ID 11	Biographies 2002
Container 2, ID 12	C17 program 2005-2006
Container 2, ID 13	Congressional Black Caucus 1995-2006
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Container 25, ID 158	America Links Up (VHS) Undated
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Container 25, ID 160	The Fullest Possible Accounting (VHS) Undated
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