

Legislative Department Digital Photograph Collection, 2002 - 2005

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Legislative Dept.
Title	Legislative Department Digital Photograph Collection
Dates	2002 - 2005 (inclusive)
Quantity	1,587 digital image files
Collection Number	4600-11
Summary	Collection includes Legislative Department offices, councilmember portraits, council chambers, City Hall, mayors, events and celebrations.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English

Historical Note

The Legislative Department is comprised of the City Council, Office of the City Clerk, Central Staff (policy analysts and budget support), and Administrative Division. The City Council is responsible for setting City-wide policy through the adoption of ordinances and resolutions, overseeing the Executive's implementation of policies and programs, and passing the City budget. The first City Charter created a bicameral legislative branch with a nine-member Board of Aldermen and 16-member House of Delegates. The 1896 Charter returned to a single body of 13 members, elected from 11 wards and two at-large. As the number of wards increased, the number the Council members grew to 18 in 1907. A City Charter Amendment in 1910 reduced the number to nine, all elected at large, and made elections non-partisan. In 1946 Council member terms were increased from two years to four years. The Office of the City Clerk and the Office of the City Auditor became part of the Legislative Department in 1993. In 1999 the Office of the City Auditor became an independent department.

Content Description

Collection includes Legislative Department offices, council member portraits, council chambers, City Hall, mayors, events, and celebrations. Council members are pictured at events such as the Sounding the Alarm rally at City Hall, City Hall grand opening, 2004 City Council inauguration, visits to Sister

Cities, press conferences, parades, farmer's markets, bridge and lock inspections, Skagit River tours, and homeless shelters. Other photos depict council members with Boys and Girls Club members, receiving visiting dignitaries, and delivering speeches. Other departments and agencies depicted include the Department of Neighborhoods, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Sound Transit. All images are available online. Search "4600-11" in the [Photograph Index](#).

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Photographs acquired through the Seattle Municipal Archives Digital Image Management Program.

Future Additions

This series may grow due to continued accessioning through the Digital Image Management Program. This finding aid will be updated to reflect additional accessions.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

City halls--Washington (State)--Seattle
Council members, City --Washington (State)--Seattle
Mayors--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Legislative Dept.
Seattle (Wash.). City Council
Seattle (Wash.). Office of the City Clerk

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

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