

Dolores Sibonga Subject Files, 1979-1990

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Sibonga, Dolores
Title	Dolores Sibonga Subject Files
Dates	1979-1990 (inclusive) 1979 1990
Quantity	4.4 cubic ft., (11 boxes)
Collection Number	4681-02
Summary	Correspondence, memoranda, draft legislation, reports, testimony, and notes regarding important issues in the City Council work of Dolores Sibonga, 1979-1990.
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

Biographical Note

Born in 1931, Dolores Sibonga grew up in Seattle's International District. She received her B.A. in journalism in 1952 and a law degree in 1973, both from the University of Washington. She was the first Filipina-American admitted to the Bar Association in Washington State. Prior to attending law school, Sibonga worked in radio and television in Spokane and Seattle, including producing documentaries, and publishing a community newspaper. After receiving her law degree, Sibonga served as a public defender and later was Deputy Director of the Washington State Human Rights Commission.

Sibonga was appointed in 1978 to fill Phyllis Lamphere's seat until a special election was held. She did not run in the special election, but was subsequently elected to Council for the term beginning in 1980. She chose not to stand for reelection in 1992. While on Council she chaired four committees: Personnel and Property Management (1978, 1980-1981), Parks and Community Resources (1982-1983, 1988-1989), Finance (1984-1987, 1990-1991), and Labor (1986-1987). During her tenure on the City Council, Sibonga championed minority hiring by the City, increased expenditures for parks, Japanese-American reparations, and maintaining the local character of Seattle Center during a proposed redesign of the facility by the Disney Corporation.

After her Council term expired, Sibonga resumed her law practice and served on the Horse Racing Commission and Human Rights Commission.

Content Description

Correspondence, memoranda, draft legislation, reports, testimony, and notes concerning issues before City Council while Sibonga was a council member. The collection contains a significant volume of materials relating to the Pro Parks levy. This \$188 million bond issue would have financed park improvements and acquisitions of land for new parks. The levy appeared on the ballot in 1982 and was defeated. Also documented in Sibonga's files are discussions about the site of the Martha Washington School. When the school closed, the city purchased the property and eventually turned it into a park. Other materials in the collection cover the planning for the new downtown Seattle Art Museum, which opened in 1991, funded by a 1986 levy.

Additionally, the materials document Sibonga's work on issues relating to Seattle Center, including redevelopment of the Fun Forest amusement area, as well as the Walt Disney Company's 1988 proposal to revitalize the Center, which was rejected after citizens protested Disney's plans to commercialize the campus and demolish the International Fountain, Center House, and other structures. Other topics covered in the collection include the Seattle Mariners, Japanese-American reparations, the proposed Ackerley Arena, and the Nuclear Freeze Resolution.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

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1/3	Ackerley Arena: Central Staff	1990

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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1/8	Ackerley Arena: Correspondence, Positive	1990
1/9	Ackerley Arena: Executive Proposal	1990
1/10	Ackerley Arena: Initiative CF-297827	1990
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1/12	Ackerley Arena: New Seattle Arena Presentation	1990
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3/6	Mariners: Issues Analysis, Major League Baseball Commission	1985
3/7	Mariners: Kingdome Impact Study	1979
3/8	Mariners: Major League Baseball Commission, Report	1985
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3/11	Mariners: Outline of Questions	1985
4/1	Mariners: Proposal Working Papers	1985
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5/7	Martha Washington Site: Adaptive Reuse Project	1983-1984
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6/2	Martha Washington Site: Kubota Gardens, Correspondence Between Parties	1986-1987
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6/8	Martha Washington Site: Proposed Park, PPG Com Meeting & Site Study Final Report	1980-1988

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6/10	Nuclear Freeze	1981-1982
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8/3	Pro Parks Levy: City Council Memoranda	1982
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8/11	Pro Parks Levy: News Clippings	1979-1982
8/12	Pro Parks Levy: Notes, Alan Osaki	1982
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9/1	Pro Parks Levy: Notes, Memoranda, Reports	1981-1982
9/2	Pro Parks Levy: Official File	1982
9/3	Pro Parks Levy: Ordinance Drafts	1982
9/4	Pro Parks Levy: Parks and Community Resources Committee Meetings	1982
9/5	Pro Parks Levy: Preliminary Report (July)	1981
9/6	Pro Parks Levy: Public Hearing (May)	1982
9/7	Pro Parks Levy: Public Hearing, Sign-up Sheets (May)	1982
9/8	Pro Parks Levy: Reference File	1981-1982
10/1	Pro Parks Levy: Working File	1979-1982
10/2	Seattle Art Museum: Chamber of Commerce	1986
10/3	Seattle Art Museum: Debt Financing	1986
10/4	Seattle Art Museum: Executive Branch Correspondence	1986
10/5	Seattle Art Museum: Kreielsheimer Foundation	1986
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10/15	Seattle Center: Disney Plan	1988
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10/18	Seattle Center: Disney Plan, Council Decision Schedule	1988
10/19	Seattle Center: Disney Plan, Disney Study Advisory Group	1979-1990
11/1	Seattle Center: Disney Plan, Mailing List Advisory	1988
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11/5	Seattle Center: Disney Plan, Seattle Center Coalition	1985-1988
11/6	Seattle Center: Fun Forest, Lawsuit	1982-1983
11/7	Seattle Center: Fun Forest, Request for Proposal	1983
11/8	Seattle Center: Fun Forest, Request for Proposal	1983
11/9	Seattle Center: Fun Forest, Request for Proposal	1983
11/10	Seattle Center: Long Range Master Plan Approaches, Phase II Report	1988
11/11	Seattle Center: Northwest Plan	1988

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Antinuclear movement--Washington (State)--Seattle

Japanese Americans--Washington (State)--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945

Parks--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Fun Forest (Seattle, Wash.)

Martha Washington School for Girls (Seattle, Wash.)

Seattle Art Museum

Seattle Center (Seattle, Wash.)

Seattle Mariners (Baseball team)

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government

Occupations :

Women city council members--Washington (State)--Seattle

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--City Council

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