

Working Washington ephemera collection, 2012-2015

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Working Washington
Title	Working Washington ephemera collection
Dates	2012-2015 (inclusive) 2012 2015
Quantity	4.61 cubic feet (6 boxes) plus 1 vertical file, 1 oversized folder, and archived websites
Collection Number	5892 (Accession No. 5892-001)
Summary	Ephemera collection from a coalition of community groups campaigning for \$15 minimum wage in Seattle
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Open to all users. However, an appointment with the Labor Archives curator is required prior to viewing certain items in the collection. Contact UW Special Collections for more details or to request an appointment.
Languages	English

Historical Note

Working Washington is a coalition of unions, faith, and grassroots community groups--an outgrowth of Service Employees International Union Local 775--that seeks to unite working people to fight for a fair economy. They were the organization that organized the campaign of fast food strikes that sparked the fight for the \$15 minimum wage in Seattle and helped lead the successful campaign to pass a \$15 minimum wage in SeaTac.

Content Description

Banners, picket signs, placards, flyers, advertisements, posters and stickers from Working Washington's campaigns including efforts to combat wage theft, increase the wage for fast food workers (starting in 2012), involvement in the SeaTac minimum wage campaign 2013-2014, and involvement in the Seattle 15Now minimum wage campaign 2013-2015. Other items include a hand drawn coloring book from SeaTac campaign and "wage theft" mock crime scene tape from the wage theft campaign. As well, this collection contains a t-shirt and sign from the Yes! For SeaTac campaign;

a ballot initiative that Working Washington for which part of a coalition for a \$15 minimum wage on the SeaTac city ballot. The collection includes banners from marches in Bellevue and Olympia. A component of this accession is born-digital photographs from the campaign and digital captures of the Working Washington website, Facebook Page, Flickr gallery, and YouTube channel.

Other Descriptive Information

Forms a part of the Labor Archives of Washington

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Placards and posters

Box:oversize1

Folded textile banner

Box:oversize2

Folded textile banner

Box:oversize3

Rolled vinyl banners

Tube:oversize4

Rolled vinyl banners

Tube:oversize5

Demand Delivery Poster

Tube:oversize6

One demand delivery poster presented to management at SeaTac Airport Menzies Aviation, a provider of cargo handling services, by Menzies employees and Working Washington activists. The digital photo collage has quotes from Menzies employees listing their complaints about their working conditions.

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"It's our Our Airport" bus ads

Tube:oversize6

Three copies of "It's Our Airport" King County Metro bus ads created by Working Washington to demand better working conditions at SeaTac Airport. The posters feature Hosea Wilcox, a skycap at SeaTac, and includes the phrases "Make All Airport Jobs Good Jobs" and "First Class", "Coach Class", and "Poverty Class" with images of the airplane seating areas for the first two classes and the image of Wilcox as the "Poverty Class."

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Placards, posters, and picket sign

Stickers, coloring books, and other small ephemera

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Archived Websites

Description	Dates
Yes! For SeaTac	2013-2015
Working Washington Facebook Page	2014-2015
Working Washington Flickr Page	2015
Working Washington Website	2013-2015
It's Our Airport Website	2013-2015

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Labor movement--Washington (State)

Labor unions--Washington (State)

Labor--Washington (State)

Minimum wage--Washington (State)

Corporate Names :

Working Washington--Archives

Form or Genre Terms :

Ephemera

Posters

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Labor Archives of Washington (University of Washington)
(host institution)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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