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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Self-Determination for D.C. coalition was formed as the result of the adoption of a resolution in January 1971 by the Americans for Democratic Action calling for the formation of a national coalition to promote home rule and congressional voting representation for the District of Columbia. Initially the Coalition was called the Democracy for D.C. Committee and consisted of 25 local and national groups along with several city residents. Richard W. Clark, a special assistant to the president of Common Cause, and Victor Reuther, a labor leader, agreed to serve as national co-chairman. In the fall of 1971 a metropolitan steering committee was formed of local organizations with Sterling Tucker and Marne Hornblower serving as co-chairmen. The coalition was instrumental in lobbying for and campaigning for home rule legislation and a constitutional amendment providing for congressional representation in Congress. The coalition disbanded in 1985.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of office files documenting the activities of the Self-Determination for D.C. Coalition in support of home rule and voting rights issues. In particular, the collection consists of testimony, legislation, lobbying packets, correspondence, and media lists regarding its lobbying efforts in support of Congressional legislation passed in 1973 granting D.C. home rule (D.C. Self-Government and Reorganization Act). The records also contain materials compiled by the coalition regarding supportive and opposition organizations, reports, clippings, press releases, newsletters, and other printed materials and ephemera.

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Arrangement

Series 1: Topical Files, 1975-1985 (1.5LF) Consists of topical files related to the issue of voting rights, home rule, and statehood for D.C. Series contains congressional testimony, legislation, correspondence to D.C. and federal legislators, brochures, flyers, and handwritten notes.

Series 2: Opposition Groups, 1976-1986 (0.5 LF) Contains materials about organizations and individuals the Coalition considered opponents of self-determination for D.C..

Series 3: Support Groups, 1976-1985 (2.5 LF) Consists of reports, clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, and printed materials from organizations the Coalition considered supporters of its goals.

Series 4: Chronological Files, 1970-1973 (0.25LF) Contains internal memoranda, drafts, letters, and Coalition Comments, the Coalition's newsletter.

Series 5: Lobbying Files, 1972-1973 (1.75LF) Contains materials documenting the Coalition's lobbying efforts for home rule in 1973. Included are reports, issued papers, congressional contact lists, lobbying packets, and background materials on the House District Committee, among others.

Series 6: Media Coverage, 1972-1973 (0.5LF) Contains media lists from various states

Series 7: Legislation, 1965-1973 (1.25LF) Contains briefing papers, legislative analyses, congressional legislation, letters, Congressional Record excerpts, congressional voting records, and other legislative materials related to home rule.

Series 8: Post-Home Rule Passage, 1974 (0.25LF) Contains reports, clippings and correspondence on 1974 campaign financing, the formation of advisory neighborhood commissions, and other topics.

Series 9: Related Organizations, 1960-1971 (0.25LF) Contains materials regarding the two organizations which preceded the Coalition; the Home Rule Committee and Ad-Hoc Committee for Home Rule.

Series 10: Research, 1966-1973 (0.25LF) Consists of research documents prepared by the Library of Congress regarding home rule and voting rights for D.C.. Also contains legislative bills, reprints, and copies of articles on the same issues.

Series 11: Publications, 1973 (0.25LF) Primarily consists of brochures, newsletters of SDDC and other related organizations.

Series 12: Memorabilia, ca. 1970 (1.75LF) contains brochures, buttons, bumper stickers, a patriot's hat, and banner of the Coalition. Also contains the publication Salute to Volunteers prepared by the Coalition.

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Administrative Information

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Custodial History

The collection was donated to the Library in 1989 by Richard W. Clark, Chairman of the Self-Determination for D.C. National Coalition.

Conditions Governing Use

Some folders may contain personal and private information - when applicable a redacted copy will be provided.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Politics and government

- Associations, institutions, etc
- Statehood (American politics)
- Home rule -- Washington (D.C.)
- Suffrage
- United States. Congress. House--District of Columbia voting rights

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Topical Files, 1975-1985

Scope and Contents

This series consists of topical files related to the issue of voting rights, home rule, and statehood in the District of Columbia. Contains congressional testimony, legislation, correspondence to D.C. and federal legislators, brochures, flyers, and handwritten notes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Government Reorganization Act, 1973	Box 1	Folder 1
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 1	Folder 2
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 1	Folder 3
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 1	Folder 4
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 1	Folder 5
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 1	Folder 6
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 1	Folder 7
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 1	Folder 8
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 1	Folder 9
Home Rule , October 1982	Box 1	folder 10
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 2	Folder 1
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 2	Folder 2
Home rule - background, 1962-1980	Box 2	Folder 3
Walter Fauntroy, 1981-1989	Box 2	Folder 4
Mayor Barry's office, 1980-1984	Box 2	Folder 5
Senator Ted Kennedy, 1978-1979	Box 2	Folder 6
Lobby Corps, 1978	Box 2	Folder 7
D.C. voting rights testimony, 1978-1983	Box 3	Folder 1
D.C. voting rights testimony, 1978-1983	Box 3	Folder 2
D.C. voting rights testimony, 1978-1983		

	Box 3	Folder 3
White House, 1978-1981	Box 3	Folder 4
Statehood and the Coalition, 1985	Box 3	Folder 5
Tax Day, April 15 1985	Box 3	Folder 6
Local Coalition Activities, 1977-1978	Box 3	Folder 7
Project Vote Count, 1983	Box 3	Folder 8
PR Group, 1983-1984	Box 3	Folder 9

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Series 2: Opposition Groups, 1979-1986

Scope and Contents

Contains materials about organizations and individuals the Coalition considered opponents of self-determination for D.C. such as the Republican Party.

Title/Description	Instances	
Opposition organizations, 1978-1979	Box 4	Folder 1
Polls, 1984	Box 4	Folder 2
Ratification slates, 1980	Box 4	Folder 3
Pre-1983 publications, Undated	Box 4	Folder 4
Republican convention, 1984	Box 4	Folder 5
D.C. Republicans for Self-Determination, 1984	Box 4	Folder 6
Republicans, 1975-1980	Box 4	Folder 7
Originals (newsletters, 1974-1983	Box 5	Folder 1
Miscellaneous documents, 1977-1983	Box 5	Folder 2
Mayor Barry's Breakfast for self-government, 1981	Box 5	Folder 3
Mayor Breakfast for voting rights, 1984	Box 5	Folder 4
Information packet, 1970	Box 5	Folder 5

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Series 3: Support Groups, 1976-1985

Scope and Contents

This series consists of reports, clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, and printed materials regarding organizations the Coalition considered supporters of its goals. A sample of groups include the American Jewish Congress,

Common Cause, AFL-CIO, Democratic Party, Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, National Council of Churches, and the Episcopal Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
D.C. Voting Rights Amendment Briefing book, 1983	Box 6	Folder 1
ACLU thru Black organizations, 1977-1983	Box 6	Folder 2
Board of Trade thru D.C. Commission for Women, Undated	Box 7	Folder 1
Board of Trade thru D.C. Commission for Women, Undated	Box 7	Folder 2
Board of Trade thru D.C. Commission for Women, Undated	Box 7	Folder 3
Board of Trade thru D.C. Commission for Women, Undated	Box 7	Folder 4
Board of Trade thru D.C. Commission for Women, Undated	Box 7	Folder 5
Board of Trade thru D.C. Commission for Women, Undated	Box 7	Folder 6
Board of Trade thru D.C. Commission for Women, Undated	Box 7	Folder 7
Board of Trade thru D.C. Commission for Women, Undated	Box 7	Folder 8
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 1
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 2
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 3
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 4
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 5
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 6
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 7
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 8
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 9
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 10
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 11
D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 12

D.C. Congress of PTAs thru League of Women Voters-D.C., Undated	Box 8	Folder 13
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 1
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 2
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 3
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 4
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 5
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 6
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League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 11
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 12
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 13
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 14
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 15
League of Women Voters of the U.S thru National Governor's Association, Undated	Box 9	Folder 16
National Student Association thru United Presbyterian Church, Undated	Box 10	Folder 1
U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 1
U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 2

U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 3
U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 4
U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 5
U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 6
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U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 13
U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 14
U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 15
U.S. Commission o Civil Rights thru Women's Internal League for Peace and Freedom, Undated	Box 11	Folder 16

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Series 4: Chronological Files, 1970-1973

Scope and Contents

Contains internal memoranda, drafts, letters, and Coalition Comments, the Coalition's newsletter, arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Chronological files, 1972-June 1973	Box 12	Folder 1
Chronological files, 1972-June 1973	Box 12	Folder 2
Chronological files, 1972-June 1973	Box 12	Folder 3

Chronological files, 1972-June 1973	Box 12	Folder 4
Chronological files, 1974	Box 13	Folder 1
Chronological files, 1974	Box 13	Folder 2

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Series 5: Lobbying Files, 1972-1973

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials documenting the Coalition's lobbying efforts for home rule in 1973. Included are reports, issue papers, congressional contact lists, lobbying packets, and background materials on the House District Committee, among others.

Title/Description	Instances	
Finances, 1972-1973	Box 13	Folder 3
Lobbying, 1973	Box 13	Folder 4
Strategy target lists of House members, 1973	Box 13	Folder 5
National Constituency Committee, 1973	Box 13	Folder 6
National Constituency Committee - sample worksheets, 1973-1974	Box 14	Folder 1
National Constituency Committee - sample worksheets, 1973-1974	Box 14	Folder 2
National Constituency Committee - sample worksheets, 1973-1974	Box 14	Folder 3
Lobby packets, August-September 1973	Box 14	Folder 4
House District Committee - background materials, 1973	Box 14	Folder 5
Lobby efforts - National Member Organization, 1972-1973	Box 14	folder 6
League of Women Voters, Undated	Box 15	Folder 1
Local Organizations, Undated	Box 15	Folder 2
Field reports (restricted access), Undated	Box 15	Folder 3
Field reports (restricted access), Undated	Box 15	Folder 4
Field reports (restricted access), Undated	Box 15	Folder 5

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Series 6: Media Coverage, 1972-1973

Scope and Contents

Contains media lists from various states.

Title/Description	Instances	
Media lists in various states, 1970	Box 16	Folder 1
Media coverage, 1972-1973	Box 16	Folder 2
Media coverage, 1972-1973	Box 16	Folder 3

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Series 7: Legislation, 1965-1973

Scope and Contents

This series contains briefing papers, legislative analyses, congressional legislation, letters, Congressional Record excerpts, congressional voting records, and other legislative materials related to home rule.

Title/Description	Instances	
Home rule, 1965	Box 16	Folder 4
Preparation for Coalition testimony before House Committee on the District of Columbia - Subcommittee on Government Operations, 1973	Box 16	Folder 5
H.R. 9682 briefing papers used by lobbyist, 1973	Box 16	Folder 6
H.R. 9682 -issues concerning the judiciary, 1973	Box 17	Folder 1
H.R. 9682 -issues concerning planning, 1973	Box 17	Folder 2
H.R. 9682 -letters of support, 1973	Box 17	Folder 3
Explanation of final action on Home Rule, 1973	Box 17	Folder 4
Nelson-Green Substitute proposal, 1973	Box 17	Folder 5
92nd Congress - House, 1973	Box 17	Folder 6
93rd Congress - Senate, 1973	Box 17	Folder 7
93rd Congress - House, 1973	Box 18	Folder 1
93rd Congress - House, 1973	Box 18	Folder 2
93rd Congress -Excerpts from Congressional Record, 1973	Box 18	Folder 3
93rd Congress - House of Representatives member support and voting record for home rule issues, 1973	Box 18	Folder 4

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Series 8: Post-Home Rule Passage, 1974

Scope and Contents

This series includes reports, clippings, and correspondence regarding such topics as 1974 campaign financing and the formation of advisory neighborhood commissions.

Title/Description	Instances	
Campaign Financing, 1974	Box 19	Folder 1
Advisory Neighbor Commissions, 1973-1976	Box 19	Folder 2
Advisory Neighbor Commissions, 1973-1976	Box 19	Folder 3
Advisory Neighbor Commissions, 1973-1976	Box 19	Folder 4
Speakers Bureau, 1974	Box 20	Folder 1
Committee to Support the Charter, 1974	Box 20	Folder 2
Salute to Volunteers, 1985	Box 20	Folder 3

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Series 9: Related Organizations, 1960-1971

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials regarding two related organizations, the Home Rule Committee and Ad-Hoc Committee for Home Rule, which preceded the Coalition.

Title/Description	Instances	
Home Rule Committee, 1960s	Box 20	Folder 4
Ad-Hoc Committee for Home Rule, 1972	Box 20	Folder 5

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Series 10: Research, 1966-1973

Scope and Contents

Consists of research documents prepared by the Library of Congress regarding home rule and voting rights for D.C. Also contains legislative bills, reprints, and copies of articles on the same issues.

Title/Description	Instances	
Library of Congress and other material, 1970s	Box 20	Folder 6
Library of Congress and other material, 1970s	Box 20	Folder 7

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Series 11: Publications, 1973

Scope and Contents

Primarily consists of brochures, newsletters of SDDC and other related organizations.

Title/Description	Instances	
Time to Act, 1973	Box 21	Folder 1
Questions and Answers on D.C. Home Rules, 1973	Box 21	Folder 2
Home Rule for Washington - D.C. Issues and Fact, 1973	Box 21	Folder 3
Self-Determination for the District of Columbia: A Look at Congressional Proposals in the last 25 years, 1973	Box 21	Folder 4
A Look to the Past: A Short List of the Prior Types of Governments, Undated	Box 21	Folder 5
Nelson Commission Recommendations, Undated	Box 21	Folder 6
Memorabilia, 1973	Box 21	folder 7
Salute to Volunteers (duplicates), Undated	Box 22	Folder 1
To Complete A Revolution" (duplicates), Undated	Box 23	Folder 1
Congressional Records testimony for Self-Determination (duplicates), 4/3/1973	Box 23	Folder 2
Coalition Comments" newsletter (duplicates), March and Sept. 1973	Box 23	Folder 3
Common Cause" newsletter (duplicates), 1974	Box 23	Folder 4
The Home Rule Bill," Committee to Support the Charter, Undated	Box 23	Folder 5
Home Rule Charter Yes brochure, Undated	Box 24	Folder 1
Advisory Councils, Undated	Box 24	Folder 2
Y.O.U. for Home Rule in D.C., Undated	Box 24	Folder 3

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Series 12: Memorabilia, ca. 1970s

Scope and Contents

Contains brochures, buttons, bumper stickers, a patriot's hat, and banner of the Coalition. Also contains the publication Salute to Volunteers prepared by the Coalition.

Title/Description	Instances	
Hat, Undated	Box 25	Folder 1
Banner, Undated	Box 25	Folder 2

Campaign literature, Undated	Box 25	Folder 3
Bumper stickers, Undated	Box 25	Folder 4

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