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# **Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia Records**

## **An inventory of Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia
<b>Title:</b>	Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia Records
<b>ID:</b>	028
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1964-1987
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.5 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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In March 1910, representatives from 22 established citizens' associations met to form an alliance to represent their combined interests before Congress, the President, and the D.C. government. William Clayton, Allen Davis, and Charles Lancaster were some of the key founders of the Federation. Throughout its history, the Federation has championed a number of interests, including establishment of the Public Utilities Commission, D.C. congressional representation as well as issues affecting transportation, police, fire, fiscal matters, environment, and education in the city. Historically, the membership of citizens associations has been white.

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## Scope and Contents

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The records consist of financial information, correspondence, meeting minutes, internal memoranda, resolutions, directories, reports, resolutions, and clippings maintained by the Federation of Citizens

Association of the District of Columbia. Major topics covered include city planning and zoning, historical preservation, election law, D.C. government budgets, transportation, and crime.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Office Files, 1964-1973 (1.25 linear ft.) This series consists of the Federation's office files which document its daily operations. It includes correspondence, minutes, lists, handwritten notes, resolutions, motions, charts, pamphlets, and flyers. Series 2: Correspondence, 1975-1987 (.5 linear ft.) The series contains correspondence (1975-1980) (with any relevant attachments) sent to and from Nancy Wright, Secretary of the Federation at the time, primarily from local D.C. and federal government officials. Letters to and from the Federation are grouped in folders separately. The remaining correspondence is arranged chronologically. Series 3: Meeting Minutes, 1969-1990 (1 linear ft.) This series contains minutes of meetings of the Federation that are arranged chronologically by date of the meeting. It also includes materials related to or gathered in preparation for the meeting. Series 4: Resolutions, 1975-1987 (.25 linear ft.) The series contains formal resolutions passed by the Federation and its member organizations during meetings. Background documents such as correspondence, meeting minutes, clippings, legislation, statements before the City Council and Congress, and notes related to the resolution are also included. The resolutions were used as policy statements and covered issues such as transportation, development, zoning, education, D.C. government finances, election law, crime, and D.C. General Hospital.  
Series 5: Topical Files, 1950-1987 (1.50 linear ft.) This series contains correspondence, resolutions, financial materials, Federation certifications, citizen association newsletters, directories, clippings, and reference materials arranged in folders alphabetically by content or topic.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2020-05-19

## Custodial History

The records of the Federation of Citizens Association of the District of Columbia were donated to the Archives in 1989 by Nancy Wright, Secretary of the Federation.

## Processing Information

Standard archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Neighborhoods
- Organizational Records
- Community organization
- Minutes (Records)
- Correspondence
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc)
- Citizens' Associations
- Politics and government
- Community development, Urban

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Office Files, 1964-1973

#### Scope and Contents

This series consists of the Federation's office files which document its daily operations. It includes correspondence, minutes, lists, handwritten notes, resolutions, motions, charts, pamphlets, and flyers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Office Files, 1964-1967	Box 1	Folder 1
Office Files, 1964-1967	Box 1	Folder 2
Office Files, 1964-1967	Box 1	Folder 3
Office Files, 1967-1969	Box 2	Folder 1
Office Files, 1967-1969	Box 2	Folder 2
Office Files, 1967-1969		

	Box 2	Folder 3
Office Files, 1969-1973	Box 3	Folder 1
Office Files, 1969-1973	Box 3	Folder 2
Office Files, 1969-1973	Box 3	Folder 3
Office Files, 1969-1973	Box 3	Folder 4
Office Files, 1974-1978	Box 4	Folder 1
Office Files, 1978-1979	Box 5	Folder 1

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## Series 2: Correspondence, 1975-1987

### Scope and Contents

The series contains correspondence (1975-1980) (with any relevant attachments) sent to and from Nancy Wright, Secretary of the Federation at the time, primarily from local D.C. and federal government officials. Letters "to" and "from" the Federation are grouped in folders separately; the remaining correspondence is loosely arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence sent by Committee Chairmen, 1975-1980	Box 6	Folder 1
Letters received, 1975-1980	Box 6	Folder 2
Correspondence from the Federation, 1980-1987	Box 6	Folder 3
Correspondence to the Federation, 1981-1987	Box 6	Folder 4
Correspondence to the Federation, 1981-1987	Box 6	Folder 5

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## Series 3: Meeting Minutes, 1969-1990

### Scope and Contents

This series contains minutes of meetings of the Federation that are arranged chronologically by date of the meeting. It also includes materials related to or gathered in preparation for the meeting.

Title/Description	Instances	
Meetings background and notes, 1969-1987	Box 7	Folder 1
Meetings background and notes, 1969-1987	Box 7	Folder 2
Meetings background and notes, 1969-1987	Box 7	Folder 3
Meetings background and notes, 1969-1987	Box 7	Folder 4
Meetings background and notes, 1969-1987		

	Box 7	Folder 5
Minutes, 1976-1990	Box 8	Folder 1
Minutes, 1976-1990	Box 8	Folder 2
Minutes, 1976-1990	Box 8	Folder 3
Minutes, 1976-1990	Box 8	Folder 4
Minutes, 1976-1990	Box 8	Folder 5
Minutes, 1976-1990	Box 8	Folder 6
Minutes, 1976-1990	Box 8	Folder 7
Minutes, 1976-1990	Box 8	Folder 8

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## Series 4: Resolutions, 1975-1987

### Scope and Contents

The series contains formal resolutions passed by the Federation and its member organizations during meetings. Background documents such as correspondence, meeting minutes, clippings, legislation, statements before the City Council and Congress, and notes related to the resolution are also included. The resolution were used as policy statements and covered issues such as transportation, development, zoning, education, D.C. government finances, election law, crime, and D.C. General Hospital.

Title/Description	Instances	
Resolutions, 1975-1987	Box 9	Folder 1

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## Series 5: Topical Files, 1950-1987

### Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence, resolutions, financial materials, Federation certifications, citizen association newsletters, directories, clippings, and reference materials arranged in folders alphabetically by content or topic.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Dinners, 1968-1972	Box 10	Folder 1
Attendance Record, 1972-1975	Box 10	Folder 2
Budget, 1977	Box 10	Folder 3
Budget, 1977	Box 10	Folder 4
Certification, 1977-1984	Box 10	Folder 5
Certification, 1977-1984	Box 10	Folder 6

Citations, 1976-1983	Box 10	Folder 7
City Planning and Zoning, 1980	Box 11	Folder 1
City Planning and Zoning, 1980	Box 11	Folder 2
Clippings, 1968-1969	Box 11	Folder 3
Committee materials, 1975	Box 11	Folder 4
Committee preference sheets, 1979-1980	Box 11	Folder 5
Congress on zoning, 1978	Box 11	Folder 6
Constitution and By-laws, 1979	Box 11	Folder 7
Directory, 1969-1987	Box 11	Folder 8
Directory, 1969-1987	Box 11	Folder 9
Directory, 1969-1987	Box 11	Folder 10
Directory, 1969-1987	Box 11	Folder 11
Fiscal Relations and Taxation Committee, 1977	Box 11	Folder 12
Fiscal Relations and Taxation Committee, 1977	Box 12	Folder 1
Federation Home Rule Activities, 1969-1979	Box 12	Folder 2
Michigan Park Citizens Association, 1978-1987	Box 12	folder 3
Newsletters - Burleith, 1973-1979	Box 12	Folder 4
Newsletters - Foggy Bottom, 1978-1980	Box 12	Folder 5
Newsletters - Olivet Heights, 1973-1975	Box 12	Folder 6
Potomac River Basin, 1967-1969	Box 12	Folder 7

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