

**Guide to the Barbara Lee Congressional Papers
circa 1971-2016**

Barbara Lee
Born July 16, 1946

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Descriptive Summary

Extent: 67.7 linear feet (65 boxes)

Language: English

Indexing Terms: Lee, Barbara, 1946-
Legislators – California.
African American women legislators – California.
Women -- Political activity.
United States – Politics and government.
September 11 Terrorist Attacks, 2001.
Mills College -- Alumni and alumnae.

Biography:

July 16, 1946 – Born in El Paso, Texas

1964 – Graduated from San Fernando High School, San Fernando, California

1973 – B.A. (Psychology) from Mills College

1975 – M.S.W. from University of California, Berkeley

1975-1987 – Staff member for Representative Ron V. Dellums (various responsibilities from intern to chief of staff)

ca. 1987–1990 – founded and owned facilities management company in the East Bay

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1990-1996 – elected to the California State Assembly

1996-1998 – served as State Senator

April 7, 1998 – present – succeeded Ron V. Dellums to serve as congresswoman in the House of Representatives for California's 9th district (now the 13th)

September 14, 2001 – Single “nay” vote against Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) following the terrorist attacks of 9/11

1999 – Honorary Degree from Mills College

2005-2009 – co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus

2007 – helped to create the Out of Poverty Caucus

2009-2011 – chair of the Congressional Black Caucus

2011 – formed the Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus (co-chair)

2013 – chair of the Democratic Whip Task Force on Poverty, Income Inequality and Opportunity

2014 –Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, California

References

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress:

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=L000551>

Congresswoman Barbara Lee Biography: <https://lee.house.gov/about/biography>

Scope and Content:

*There are currently three record groups on site at Mills College. Materials for eventual transfer are housed in Oakland, Livermore, and Washington, D.C. As new materials are received and processed this guide will be updated.

**This collection does not include State Legislature records. For these records, please contact the African American Museum and Library at Oakland.

The archive consists of three record groups:

Record Group 1. Ron Dellums/Barbara Lee Transitional Files

32 boxes of office files from the transitional period of Ron Dellums' last days and the beginning of Barbara Lee's first as Congressional Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. Topics in this record group include: “Health Issues”; “Base Closure”; “Ron Dellums Files”; “Issues and Internships”; and “Office Reference Material”.

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Record Group 2. Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) Responses

16 boxes of letters, emails, and other communications in support of and against Barbara Lee's vote against the Authorization for Use of Military Force (signed by President George W. Bush on September 18, 2001) that was a response to the September 11, 2001 attacks. Barbara Lee was the only member of Congress to vote against the bill. The authorization granted the President the authority to use all "necessary and appropriate force" against those whom he determined "planned, authorized, committed or aided" the September 11th attacks, or who harbored said persons or groups.

Series 1: Positive – In District

Series 2: Positive – Out of District

Subseries 2.1: Valid Addresses

Subseries 2.2: Invalid Addresses

Series 3: Positive - Redacted

Series 4: Negative

Series 5: Administrative

Record Group 3. Office Files

17 boxes of office files arranged in five different series.

Series 1: Personal and Political Files

Subseries 1.1: Administrative

Subseries 1.2: Correspondence

Subseries 1.3: Events

Subseries 1.4: Miscellaneous

Series 2: Legislative Files

Subseries 2.1: Congressional Record

Subseries 2.2: Organizations

Subseries 2.3: Legislation

Subseries 2.4: Travel

Series 3: Subject Files

Series 4: Press Files

Subseries 4.1: News Clippings

Subseries 4.2: New Clippings (loose)

Subseries 4.3: News Clippings (Binder A)

Subseries 4.4: News Clippings (Binder B)

Subseries 4.5: News Clippings (Binder C)

Subseries 4.6: News Clippings (Binder D)

Subseries 4.7: News Clippings (Binder E)

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Subseries 4.8: News Clippings (Binder F)

Subseries 4.9: News Clippings (Binder G)

Subseries 4.10: Photographs

Subseries 4.11: Press Releases

Subseries 4.12: Speeches

Subseries 4.13: Print Media Review

Series 5: Audiovisual Materials