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Finding Aid to Nancy Elliott United Farm Workers Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	California State University, Monterey Bay Archives and Special Collections
Source - dnr:	Elliott, Nancy
Creator - cre:	Elliott, Nancy
Title:	Nancy Elliott United Farm Workers papers
ID:	MS.013
Date [inclusive]:	1965-1981
Physical Description:	2.1 Linear Feet 5 file boxes
Language of the Material:	English , Spanish .
Abstract:	This collection documents Nancy Elliott's volunteer work with the United Farm Workers from 1972 through 1976, including her involvement as a reporter and distributor of the United Farm Workers newspaper, financial aid administrator for striking workers, boycott organizer, and field office director. Materials include newsletters, leaflets, ephemera, newspaper clippings, volunteer and membership information, memos, and research for various organizational campaigns. Please note this collection contains outdated and potentially harmful language. This includes some of the creator's original folder labels, which have been retained for historical context.

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Biographical Note

Nancy Elliott began volunteering for the United Farm Workers (UFW) in early 1972, when she was assigned to lead the distribution efforts of the recently formed newspaper, *El Malcriado*, which was UFW's official publication dedicated to bringing awareness to labor issues and Union activities. Elliott spent her first nine months following the harvest around California, taking newspapers to workers and also working as a reporter for the paper, documenting strikes and other events. Elliott briefly left the UFW to attend an intensive Spanish language course for two months in Cuernavaca, Mexico. When Elliott returned to the UFW in April of 1973, she was assigned the task of administering financial aid to the thousands of striking

farm workers from Coachella to Delano. The strikes were eventually called off by Cesar Chavez following the murder of two striking workers. When the strike ended in 1974, Elliott was sent to Marin County to work on the boycotts, where she worked with community organizer Fred Ross, Sr. In 1975, Elliott was assigned to serve as the director of a field office in Coachella, where she administered contracts, handled grievances, and helped workers with their contracts. During this time she also campaigned for the passage of the Agricultural Labor Relations Act (ALRA), a state law guaranteeing California farm workers the right to organize, vote in state-supervised secret-ballot elections, and bargain with their employers. The bill passed and Elliott moved to field offices in King City and Soledad, where she also served as director. One of Elliott's final activities with the UFW was campaigning for Proposition 14, the Agricultural Labor Relations Board Initiative, in 1976. The UFW collected signatures to place Proposition 14 on the November ballot to restore funding to the Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB), the body responsible for enforcing the ALRA. The proposition was defeated, and shortly after Elliott left the UFW.

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Scope and Contents

This collection documents Nancy Elliott's volunteer work with the United Farm Workers from 1972 through 1976. Materials document Elliott's work as a reporter and distributor of *El Malcriado*, the official newspaper of the United Farm Workers. Also included are materials related to Elliott's work during the 1973 strike administering financial aid to the striking workers, her work with Fred Ross, Sr. on boycotts from 1974-1975, and her work as Field Office Director in Coachella, King City, and Soledad from 1975-1976. Materials include newsletters, leaflets, ephemera, newspapers and newspaper clippings, volunteer and membership information, memos, correspondence and research for various organizational campaigns.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically by series, which are based on the creator's original organization. Materials within each section are arranged chronologically, except where materials are spread across multiple folders and the dates vary within those folders.

Boycott, 1971-1975, undated: Includes memos, reports, newsletters, press releases, research, fliers.

Convention, 1973, 1976-1977, 1981: Includes conference agendas, programs, reports, and news clippings.

Ephemera, 1973-1977, undated: Includes informational leaflets, brochures, press releases and pamphlets addressing strikes, boycotts, elections, and legislation. Also includes Teamster leaflets, 1974 calendar, bumper stickers. Note: Additional ephemera is spread throughout the collection.

Field Office files, 1972-1975: Materials related to Elliott's work and training as a Field Office director.

Illegal Aliens, 1973-1975: Newspaper clippings, articles, correspondence, memos documenting UFW efforts to prevent the use of undocumented immigrants as "strikebreakers." Please note the term "illegal alien" was widely accepted and used to describe undocumented immigrants during the time these materials were created. We have retained the creator's original folder labels to maintain historical context.

Legal, 1966, 1970-1978, undated: Includes contracts and agreements between the United Farm Workers of America AFL-CIO and various companies. Also included are documents related to the arbitration of a grievance case filed by union members.

Legislation, 1966, 1972, 1974-1977: Includes newspaper clippings, memos, correspondence, UFW position statements regarding legislation. Material related to Arizona HB 2134, Proposition 22, AB 3370, the Agricultural Labor Relations Act (ALRA), and Prop 14.

Media, 1966, 1968-1981, undated: Bulk is newspaper clippings, some newsletters and articles. One open reel audio tape labeled "United Farm Workers Radio Spots" and includes the following list of tracks with duration: Hope :30, Hot & Difficult :60, Justice :28, Boycott :53, Critical Period :58, We Speak Their Language :60, Really Very Simple :55, America's Farmworkers :30, You Can Make a Difference :30, La Vida :60, Justicia :29, Calor :60, La Union :30, Boycoteo :60. Also nine reprints of black and white photographs showing the living and working conditions of farmworkers, including children.

Reference, 1961, 1964-1965, 1969-1979: Materials used for general reference and training. Includes articles, manuals, interviews on topics such as arbitration, fundraising, strikes, and pesticides. Also includes original documents and forms used by the UFW.

Religious, 1957, 1963-1981: Bulk of material contains newsletters, leaflets, press releases, correspondence from the National Farm Worker Ministry (previously the California Migrant Ministry and National Migrant Ministry) documenting their support and activities associated with the farm worker labor movement. In addition, some items related to UFW support from Jewish organizations and a 'Statement on Israel' by Cesar Chavez. Two issues of the journal 'Christainity and Crisis' (v. 30 no. 22 January 11, 1971; v. 32 no. 3 March 6, 1972) and an issue of St. Anthony Messenger (v. 81 no. 11, April 1974) Teamsters Union, 1970-1975: Literature produced by the Teamsters Union, or their supporters, most arguing against the

actions of the UFW. Material includes news clippings, articles, booklets, pamphlets, leaflets, posters, and contract information.

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- United Farm Workers
- Chavez, Cesar, 1927-1993
- Civil rights workers
- Agricultural laborers

- Labor unions
- Agricultural laborers -- California
- Elliott, Nancy

Collection Inventory

Boycott, 1971-1975		
Title/Description	Instances	
Boycott Notes (Primarily Marshall Ganz), 1971-1972 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 1
Letter from Cesar Chavez to Friends of the Farmworkers, 1972-03-08 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 2
Letter from Cesar Chavez to Safeway Stores Chairman of the Board, 1973-05-09 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 3
Gallo Boycott, 1973-1975 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2.0 Folder	box 1	folder 4
	box 1	folder 5
Boycott Offices Newsletter, 1973-1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 6
Food Monopolies Research, 1973-1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2.0 Folder	box 1	folder 7
	box 1	folder 8
Legal Picketing, 1973-1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 9
Boycott Memos, 1974-1975, bulk 1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 10
Boycott Leaflets, 1974-1975, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 11
Boycott News, 1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 12
Boycott Research, 1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 1	folder 13
Volunteer Recruitment Fliers, 1974, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 1
El Malcriadito Los Angeles, 1975	box 2	folder 2

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

Corrido Al Boycott Lyrics, undated

box 2

folder 3

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

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Convention, 1973, 1976-1977, 1981

Title/Description	Instances	
1st Constitutional Convention, 1973 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 4
Political Endorsement Conference, 1976 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 5
2nd Convention, 1977 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 6
1981 Convention Controversial Resolution, 1981 September 5-6 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 7

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Ephemera, 1973-1977

Title/Description	Instances	
General pamphlets, brochures, press releases, 1973 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 8
Strike leaflets, 1973 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 9
Boycott leaflets, 1973 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 10
Calendar, 1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 11
"Pregunta" leaflets, 1975 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 12
Election organizing leaflets, 1975-1977 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 13
Bumper Stickers, undated	box 2	folder 14

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

Teamster leaflets, undated box 2 folder 15

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

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Field Office Files, 1972-1975

Title/Description	Instances	
Florida/Georgia campaign, 1972-1975 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 16
Blythe bus accident, 1974 January <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 17
Imperial Valley strike, 1974 February-March <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 18
Ag Commission stats collected for election research, 1975 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 19
Election tally, 1975 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 20
Grievance course UC Berkley, 1975 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 21
Contract language proposals, 1975 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 22

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Illegal Aliens, 1973-1975

Title/Description	Instances	
Memos, 1973-1974 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3.0 Folder	box 2	folder 23
	box 2	folder 24
	box 2	folder 25
Illegals campaign, 1974-1975 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 2	folder 26

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Legal, 1966, 1970-1978

Title/Description	Instances	
Schenley contract and Wonder Palms Ranch agreement, 1966, 1970 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 1
Contracts, 1970-1978 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2.0 Folder	box 3	folder 2
	box 3	folder 3
AFL-CIO special committee, Docs of Lasco support, 1973-1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 4
Interharvest grievance, 1976 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 5
Arbitration case interharvest, 1976 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 6

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Legislation, 1966, 1972, 1974-1977

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter from Cesar Chavez to Senator Harrison Williams, 1966 June 25 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 7
Arizona HB 2134, 1972 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 8
Prop 22, 1972 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 9
ARLA, copy of AB 3370, 1974-1975 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 10
ARLA election tally sheet, 1975 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 11
Prop 14 Miguel Contreras papers, 1976 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 12
Information sheets, 1976-1977	box 3	folder 13

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

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Media, 1966-1981, undated

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Photograph reprints, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 14
UFW Radio Spots, circa 1974 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Reels	box 3	folder 15
Article reprints, 1966-1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 3	folder 16
	box 3	folder 17
Misc. News Clippings, 1968, 1972-1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 1
	box 4	folder 2
Newspaper Cartoons, 1973-1976 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 3
Internal Conflict News Clippings, 1974, 1979, 1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 4
Newsletter and News Clippings, 1974, 1977, 1979-1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 5

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Reference, 1961, 1964-1965, 1969-1979

Title/Description	Instances	
Anatomy of Arbitration, 1961 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 6
Pesticides, 1964, 1969-1973, 1975 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 7
Chavez/Goepel Interview, 1965 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 8
Original UFW Documents, 1971-1974 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 9
UFW Service Center, 1973	box 4	folder 10

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

UFW Bibliography, 1973-1976 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 11
Organizing through Fundraising, 1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 12
El Mosquito Newsletter, 1975 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 13
Alameda CLC Strike Manual, 1976, 1979 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 14
Fruit Tramp, 1977 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 4	folder 15

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Religious, 1957-1981

Title/Description	Instances	
National Farm Worker Ministry Leaflets, 1957, 1963-1979 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5.0 Folder	box 4	folder 16
	box 4	folder 17
	box 5	folder 1
	box 5	folder 2
	box 5	folder 3
Jewish Support of UFW, 1968-1974 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 5	folder 4
National Farm Worker Ministry Newsletter, 1969-1981 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 5	folder 5
Christianity and Crisis Journals, 1971-1972 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 5	folder 6
St. Anthony Messenger Magazine, 1974 April <u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder	box 5	folder 7

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Teamsters Union, 1970-1975

Title/Description	Instances	
Anti-UFW Literature and Posters, 1970-1975		

Elliott (Nancy) United Farm Workers (UFW) papers

<u>Physical Description:</u> 2.0 Folder	box 5	folder 8
	box 5	folder 9
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Temo Contracts, 1973	box 5	folder 10
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder		
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Temos Opposed to Raids, 1973	box 5	folder 11
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1.0 Folder		

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