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Dear friend:

First, I would like to thank and commend you for agreeing to assist our friend and brother, Mervyn Dymally, in his effort to become the congressman of the 31st district. As you know, one of our shared sentiments has been that people must participate in the processes which make decisions affecting their lives in particular and society as a whole.

I would like to share briefly my views on why we should assist Dymally running for office in Los Angeles.

1. In recent history, there have been some politicians who have served as advocates and symbols, not only in their districts but throughout their states and the country. Adam Clayton Powell, Shirley Chisholm, Robert Garcia, Bella Abzug, Julian Bond, Yvonne Burke and Ron Dellums are a few examples of people who have responded to the larger responsibility to society, in addition to the responsibility of their district.

For the past 18 years, as an assemblyman, then a senator and then the lieutenant governor, Mervyn has served Blacks, Browns, women, teachers, Asians, Indians, workers, gays, etc., from Humboldt County in the extreme north of California all the way to the San Diego-Tijuana border. Additionally, Mervyn has provided outstanding leadership and service throughout the U.S., Mexico and the West Indies.

Therefore, wherever Mervyn's district happens to be, we can safely assume that we all will continue to have direct access to him for whatever our endeavors may be.

2. Mervyn has been one of the two most principled politicians that I know; the other, of course, is Leon Williams. It is important now, more than ever, to have elected leaders whose principles do not change from day to day and meeting to meeting.

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3. Mervyn has been one of the most outspoken leaders that we have had. He has consistently taken controversial stands on problems and issues long before those issues become popular. Obviously, we must have elected officials who are not afraid to buck the power structure and status quo.

4. As you know, many of our San Diego elected representatives are not at all outspoken, responsive to, or accessible to us. If Mervyn is elected, we will have a representative, and that might encourage some of these others to become a little more active.

5. Mervyn is one of the most effective and competent legislators of our times. And while his position is always progressive and principled, he also has a brilliant ability to garner support from others in order to get programs passed.

I have enclosed some material on Mervyn's background and record for your information. The first weekend that we will be going to Los Angeles to do campaign work is the weekend of March 8th and 9th. We will need to leave early Saturday morning, carpool to Los Angeles, work Saturday and Sunday, and arrive back in San Diego early Sunday evening. Our gasoline and food expenses will be taken care of by the campaign, and arrangements are being made with friends in Los Angeles to put us up Saturday night. You should bring a sleeping bag or blanket because some of us will be sleeping on couches, etc.

If you are available to go on the weekend of March 8th and 9th, please contact me right away. Again, thank you for being a conscious and responsible person who cares.

Yours in voter registration,

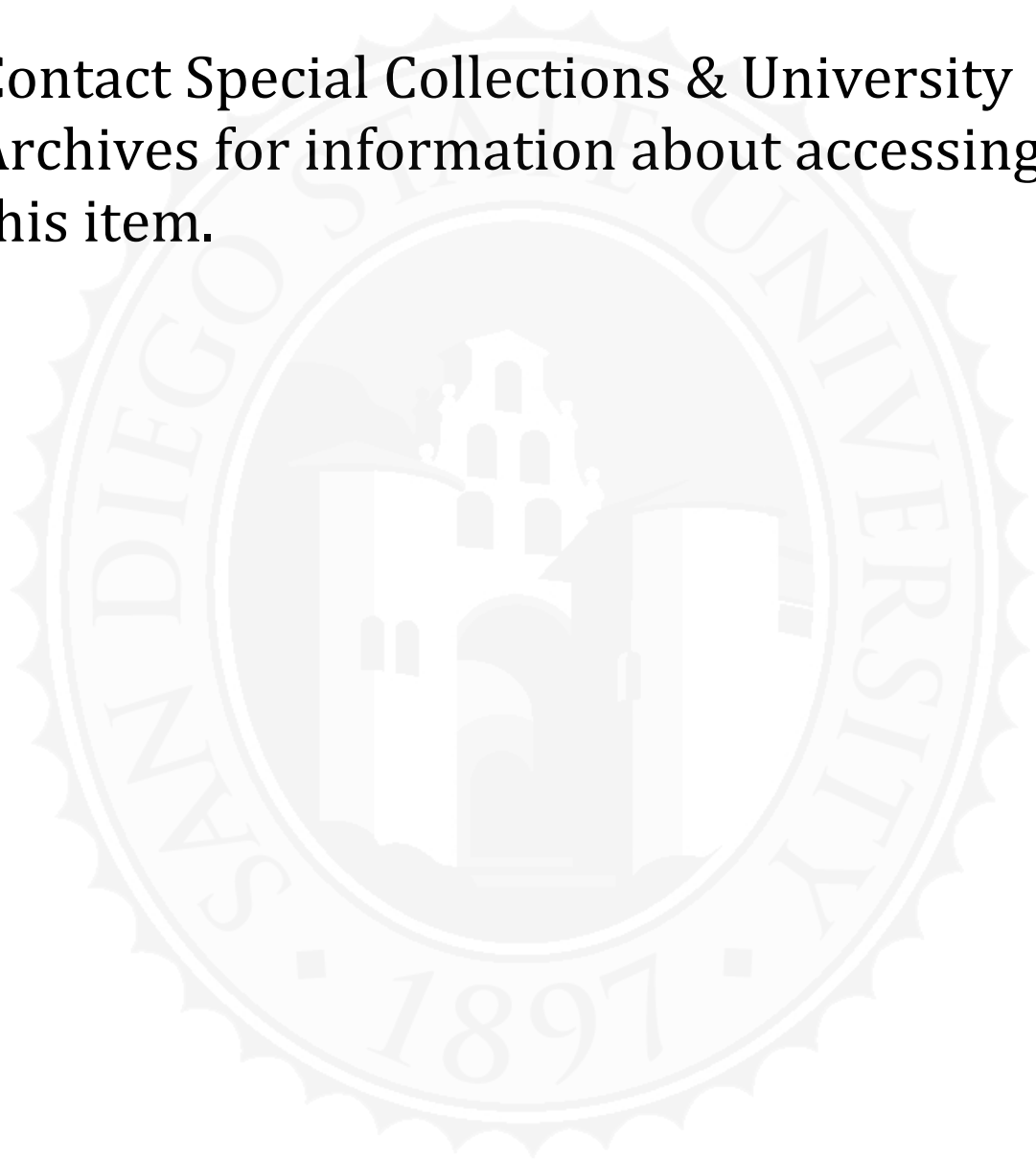
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MERVYN M. DYMALLY

Biography

Mervyn Dymally served for 16 years as Assemblyman, State Senator and Lieutenant Governor of California. Before entering government, he was a teacher of exceptional children in the Los Angeles City Schools.

He holds a BA in Education from California State University, Los Angeles, an MA in Government from California State University, Sacramento, and a Ph.D. in Human Behavior from United States International University, San Diego, and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Scholastic Honor Society.

As a member of the Legislature, Dymally authored significant legislation on child growth and development: Early Childhood Education Act; Dymally-Sieroty Child Card Center Act; Dymally Child Adoption Act; and the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. The former Lt. Governor also authored the Equal Rights Amendment and the 18 year-old vote resolutions.

While serving in the Senate, Dymally authored legislation (SB 1026) to fund the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate School at the Martin Luther King Hospital, and as a Regent of the University of California, he led the effort to create the two-year medical school with Drew and UCLA.

As Lt. Governor, Dymally was Chairman of the California Commission for Economic Development and traveled to Japan and the Philippines to increase trade and create more jobs in California.

Dymally is married and the father of two children--Mark and Lynn. He now heads his own consulting firm in Los Angeles.

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Legislative Record
of
MERVYN M. DYMALLY

Assemblyman & Senator

Author

Teaching of Ethnic History including European Ethnic in California Schools
Dymally-Sieroty Child Care Center Construction Act
Early Childhood Education Act
Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Employment Act
Equal Rights Amendment
Eighteen year-old vote
Dymally Child Adoption Bill, providing funds for the adoption of hard to place children
SB 1026 - Funding for Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School
Equal Property Rights for Women in time of divorce

Chairman

Senate Majority Caucus
Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs
Senate Committee on Social Welfare
Senate Committee on Elections And Reapportionment
Senate Sub-Committee on Medical Education and Health Needs
Senate Select Committee on Children and Youth
Joint Committee on Legal Equality (for Women)
Joint Committee on Revision of the Elections Code

Lieutenant Governor

Developed the proposal and was appointed as Brown's designee for the U.S. Border States Commission (California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas).
Led the effort as a Regent of the University of California to create the two year medical school between the Charles R. Drew Medical School and UCLA at the Martin Luther King Hospital.
Conducted vigorous campaign to bring more jobs to California.
Created the California Council on Intergroup Relations to look at the future growth of California's emerging ethnic groups. This program was funded by the Legislature.
Appointed a special advocate in the Lieutenant Governor's office for Senior Citizens.
Issued executive order as Acting Governor to create California Youth Commission.

Chairman

California Commission for Economic Development.
Commission of the Californias (U.S., Baja California; and Baja California Sur, Mexico).
Initiated the Commission on Food and Nutrition by executive order.

Member

State Lands Commission
Board of Regents, University of California
Board of Trustees, California State University