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Collection Overview

Title: Melvin King Papers, 1983 Mayoral Campaign

Dates: n.d., 1972 – 1988

Location: Special Collections Room

Collection Number: SC2

Volume: 1.75 cu. ft

Scope and Content Note: The collection comprises documents relating to Mel King's mayoral

campaign of 1983, and to a lesser extent, his US Congress Campaign of

1986. Included from the mayoral run are campaign schedules,

correspondence, newspaper clippings, event programs, campaign buttons, posters and a T-shirt. Newspaper clippings and correspondence document

the US Congress campaign. Also included is a flyer from his first

campaign for State Rep in 1972. Along with the papers and posters, this

collection also contained 6 binders of newspaper clippings in chronological order. These are found at the end of the box list. The

numbering of the binders was provided by the archivist.

Arrangement: Alphabetical and chronological

Subjects and

Contributors: King, Melvin

Rainbow Coalition (Boston, Mass.)

African Americans--Massachusetts--Boston. Community organization--Massachusetts--Boston.

Elections--Massachusetts--Boston. Boston (Mass.)--Race relations.

Boston (Mass.)--Politics and government. South End (Boston, Mass.)--Social conditions.

Restrictions: None

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Related Collections: Roots of the Rainbow Exhibit Collection, 1943-1988. Healy Library

Archival and Manuscript Collections. UMASS Boston.

Biographical Note

Mel King was born in October of 1928 to West Indian immigrants who had settled in the "New York Streets" section of the South End of Boston. Mel's father worked on the sugar boats and was the secretary of his local union. Many union meetings were held at the King household. Mel's mother was very involved with their local church and women's groups.¹

In 1953, as part of the "Urban Renewal" of Boston, the "New York Streets" were razed to the ground. Several years later part of the area was finally used to house one of Boston's daily newspapers, *The Herald-Traveler*, which had helped establish the "down and out" view of the neighborhood through a series of articles.²

Mel attended Claflin College in South Carolina and says:

For the first time I was attending schools run by Black people and was made aware of Black people doing things for themselves. I began another process of identifying...I stopped going to the theater where Black people had to sit upstairs and started patronizing the Black theater instead. I rode in the back of the bus, once, and it felt so crummy that from then on I hitchhiked. My father had told us that you didn't take anything from anybody. If anybody bigger than you hit you, then you had the right to pick up a stick and protect yourself; but you never hit anybody smaller than yourself...

After college, I came back to Boston and married. In 1952, I earned a masters degree in Education at Boston Teachers, which later became Boston State College. I had trouble getting a job teaching. I asked if this Masters in Education meant I could teach Black people only. Between that and incidents of discrimination in trying to get housing, I had pretty much made up my mind about how I was going to address the issue of discrimination and racism...My strategy was to work with the youth in the community; and ultimately focus on institutions and institutional change. I knew there was nothing wrong with me.³

In 1962 and 1963 Citizens for Boston Public Schools endorsed Mel, along with Arthur Gartland, William O'Connor, and Nathaniel Young for the Boston School Committee. Mel states that "There were a number of specific suggestions to improve our schools:

- 1. Decentralize the school system to have programs geared to the needs of the varied communities, greater parent involvement;
- 2. Improve communications between the school and community;
- 3. Round-the-clock community schools for public use;
- 4. Improved selection and utilization of instructional educational media equipment and materials.⁴

¹ King, Mel. Chain of Change, Struggles for Black Community Development. Boston: South End Press, 1981. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

² King, Mel. Chain of Change, Struggles for Black Community Development. Boston: South End Press, 1981. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

³ King, Mel. Chain of Change, Struggles for Black Community Development. Boston: South End Press, 1981. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

⁴ King, Mel. Chain of Change, Struggles for Black Community Development. Boston: South End Press, 1981. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

In 1965 the candidates endorsed by Citizens for Boston Public Schools, including Mel, John Gaquin, G. Parker, Arthur Gartland, and Velia DeCesare again lose to Louise Day Hicks.

These years were a period when increased awareness and information about the situation in Boston's schools pushed parents to action. Parents took the safety of their children into their own hands through the formation of Exodus; the communities rallied behind the NAACP Education Committee's challenge to the School Committee over de facto segregation, holding the two dramatic school Stay Out days. The cause was taken up legislatively through the Racial Imbalance Law. Three times we attempted to get a liberal slate onto the School Committee.⁵

In April of 1968 members of the Community Assembly for a United South End (CAUSE) nailed the door of the Boston Redevelopment Authority's South End office shut to protest the destruction of occupied housing on a lot bordered by Columbus Ave, Dartmouth and Yarmouth Streets. Two days later CAUSE members and others concerned citizens blocked the entrances to the land, which had become a parking lot, in order to educate the suburban commuters who were parking there that homes had been torn down on that spot. One commuter became angry and knocked Mel over with his car. The police became involved and 23 demonstrators were arrested. Mel remembers that:

The arrest of CAUSE members provided a surge of involvement throughout the community. A spontaneous "Tent City" sprang up on the parking lot over night.

The people of the neighborhood constructed their own city, complete with city hall, town houses, recreation areas, housing, and cooking facilities. We shared meals and we hammered; students from MIT's architecture department joined us to lend a hand in the construction of our "buildings." It was our way of expressing our sense of community – our vision of what our community should be like. We chose this site because the decent housing that existed there was torn down. Today, after twelve years this site is still used as a parking lot.⁶

Finally completed in 1988, "Tent City" is now a "560,000 square foot complex of townhouses and a mid-rise elevator apartment building (89 units per acre) which integrates low, moderate, and market-rate residences with community facilities, day care center, and street-level shops on the commercial street."

In 1972 the Massachusetts Black Caucus was created with the election of 5 Black representatives; Doris Bunte, Bill Owens, Royal Bolling, Sr., Royal Bolling, Jr., and Mel King. The group announced that it intended:

...to work toward Black empowerment across the State of Massachusetts...and the Caucus also understands that part of the reason for the Black Community's long-standing disempowerment is the ethnocentricity which exists in the system. It does not plan to perpetuate that behavior but rather to end it by seeking to build bridges with all people who believe that the system ought to operate in a pluralistic fashion to relate to them.⁸

⁵ King, Mel. Chain of Change, Struggles for Black Community Development. Boston: South End Press, 1981. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

⁶ King, Mel. Chain of Change, Struggles for Black Community Development. Boston: South End Press, 1981. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

⁷ http://www.gcassoc.com/html/proj_descr.asp?pageid=1164

⁸ King, Mel. Chain of Change, Struggles for Black Community Development. Boston: South End Press, 1981. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

In the ten years that Mel King was State Representative from the Ninth Suffolk District he:

- Fought to keep state enabling legislation for rent control when it expired in April 1976
- Submitted a bill calling for statewide moratorium on condominium conversions causing displacement
- Helped push through new anti-arson legislation outlawing over-insurance of buildings and providing for relocation benefits for displaced tenants
- In 1978 was first Massachusetts legislator to propose a bill to require "linkage" of affordable housing to large-scale, downtown commercial and office developments such as Copley Place. The bill, the Neighborhood Stabilization Act, proposed amending the state's Environmental Impact Review process to require major developers to make payments into a Neighborhood Stabilization Fund to build affordable housing to offset displacement.
- Chaired the Governor's Commission to Reorganize the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination during the first Dukakis administration, resulting in the creation of three full-time commissioner positions.
- In the Fenway, helped stop the Massachusetts Historical Commission from demolishing buildings which became mixed-income housing instead.
- Stopped owners of Camfield Gardens from unjustly forcing tenants to pay exorbitant electrical bills (caused by the developer's decision to install electrical heat) in addition to rent which previously included all utilities⁹
- Originated concept of "Boston Jobs for Boston Residents" which led in 1979 to an
 executive order upheld by the US Supreme Court
- Fought for creation of Roxbury Community College and subsequent funding
- Earned a nearly 100% legislative rating by CPPAX (Citizens for Participation in Political Action) and NOW (National Organization for Women) on women's issues
- Authored the first successful legislation in the nation requiring the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to remove all pension funds from investments in corporations doing business in South Africa¹⁰

In 1979 Kevin White was running for his fourth term in office as mayor of Boston. Running against him were Lewis Castro, David I. Finnegan, Mel King, Laurence Sherman, and Joseph F. Timilty. In *The New Black Vote*, James Jennings states that:

The Mel King for Mayor Campaign of 1979 had four broad organizational goals...

- 1. Intense mobilization of black voters
- 2. An issue-oriented campaign
- 3. A grassroots-dominated campaign leadership
- 4. Black and white working-class coalitions ¹¹

Jennings also points out that, "Although Mel finished third with 15% of the preliminary vote in 1979, many individuals inside and outside the campaign organization viewed the campaign as a success for a number of reasons. First, it represented a victory over opinion polls. ... The 'grassroots grapevine' may be more important to assess the sentiment of black voters than 'fancy' polls conducted by experts. The preliminary election in 1979 was also a victory over the organization of City Hall's political machine –

⁹ Mel King's track record on tenants rights and affordable housing. Massachusetts ACORN. 7-26-83. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

¹⁰ 1983 is the Year...Mel King is the Leader who can make it happen. Brochure. Roxbury Community College, Roxbury MA.

¹¹ Jennings, James, "Urban Machinism and the Black Voter". In *The New Black Vote*, edited by Rod Bush. San Francisco: Synthesis Press, 1984: p 270.

in a limited sense of course. ... A progressive campaign is far more efficient than a media or personality-oriented one in a black community like Boston. ¹²

In the 1983 mayoral campaign, Mel and his supporters built upon the base they had generated in 1979 and continued to run a campaign focused on the issues important to the working-class neighborhoods of Boston. Mel's continued concentration on jobs for Boston resident's, affordable housing, safer city, education, women's and gay rights, city services, elder's rights, and fiscal responsibility ultimately earned him 29% of the preliminary vote in an eight-way race with Eloise Linger, Michael Gelber, Lawrence DiCara, David Finnegan, Raymond Flynn, Dennis Kearney, Frederick Langone, and Mel King on October 11, 1983.

One important factor in this victory was the "Rainbow Coalition" that was drawn together by the "Mel King for Mayor" team. During his speech after winning a runoff spot in the mayor's race, Mel described the coalition as:

People like all of you! People who care. Over the years we have worked with people who are interested in bringing the city together, people who are interested in making this a city that works for all people. That's who make up the rainbow coalition. People who are tired of tension, tired of hostility and want to bring this city together. We have worked with people who want to celebrate our cultures and our diversity instead of fearing or attacking them. These are people who are practical, so practical that they look beyond race to the real issues that are affecting our families - issues like jobs, safety, affordable housing, quality health care, schools that work for everybody, a city that is open and accessible for all.¹³

The Rainbow Coalition remained strong through Mel King's 1986 run for US House of Representatives, but then began to falter. In 2002 the Rainbow Coalition Party merged with the Green Party of Massachusetts, endorsing Dr. Jill Stein for governor.

In 1996 Mel King retired as head of the Community Fellows Program in MIT's Department of Urban Studies and has been running the South End Technology Center at Tent City ever since. Their website explains:

WHO WE ARE:

The South End Technology Center @ Tent City (The Tech Center) is a collaborative venture between the Tent City Corporation (TCC) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Our fundamental purpose is to enable people to become producers of knowledge and sharers of ideas and information. Our scope and methods are as diverse as the people we serve. We provide free or low-cost access and training in most aspects of computer-related technology. The staff, most of whom are volunteers, have extensive backgrounds in computer technology and their applications. ¹⁴

¹² Jennings, James, "Urban Machinism and the Black Voter". In *The New Black Vote*, edited by Rod Bush. San Francisco: Synthesis Press, 1984: p 285.

¹³ King, Mel. The Boat is Changing its Course. Boston Globe. Oct. 12, 1983.

¹⁴ http://www.tech-center-enlightentcity.tv/pages/698532/index.htm. Feb. 1, 2006.

Box List

Box	Title	Date
1	Bumper Sticker	n.d.
1	Campaign Buttons:	
1	David Scondras for Boston City Council	n.d.
1	Elect John D. O'Bryant Boston School Committee	n.d.
1	I'm Sticking with Mel King	n.d.
1	J.P. For / Por Mel King	n.d.
1	Mel King Says This is Our City.	n.d.
1	Mel King for Mayor	n.d.
1	Mel King Says We Can Save Our Neighborhoods	n.d.
1	Stop Klan Terror Justice in Mississippi Affirmative Action Now!	n.d.
1	United Black Appeal	n.d.
1	Wearing Buttons is not enough	n.d.
1	Mel King for Mayor	1983
1	Jackson in 1984	1983
1	Jesse Jackson President	1984
1	Rainbow Coalition Founding Convention Jan.28	1984
1	Vote Gloria Fox March 12	1985
1	Rainbow key chain	n.d.
1	Campaign Schedules	1983 - 1985
1	Correspondence:	1905 - 1905
1	Andrews I, Bruce (Blue Falcon Productions)	n.d.
1	Berger, Mary	n.d.
1	Feignbaum, Norrie	n.d.
1	Gilson, Mary Jane	n.d.
1	Heinze, Laura	n.d.
1	Judy (surname unknown)	n.d.
1	Lui, Meizhu	n.d.
1	Merelice (surname unknown)	n.d.
1	Mils, C.D.	n.d.
1	Monroe, Laura	n.d.
1	Norcross, Theresa	n.d.
1	Scondras, Dot	n.d.
1	Unknown	n.d.
1	Unknown	n.d.
1	Unknown	n.d.
1	W., Mary	n.d.
1	Welch, Mary	n.d.
1	Fine, Keitha Saspin	1979
1	Muwwakkil, Saleem (Copy of letter to President	
	Ronald Reagan) (Includes photocopy of	
	Signed Thank you note from Ronald Reagan)	1982
1	Muwwakkil, Saleem (Letter to Mrs. Jody E. J.	-
	King)	1982

1	Akaji, Martha Rice	1983
1	Arroyo, Felix (In English and Spanish)(Includes	-, -,
	"Felix Arroyo: This Time, Nothing Less Than	
	Victory Will Do" The Americas Gazette 1983	
	"Felix Arroyo Estima Hispanos Deben Tener	
	Representacion" La Semana 1983 and	
	fundraising flyer for Arroyo's Boston School	
	Committee At Large campaign)	1983
1	Axelrad, Rabbi Albert	1983
1	Baker, Jill (Forum, <u>Boston Herald)</u>	1983
1	Barbara and Harry (surname unknown)	1983
1	Bell, Alan (Bell Associates Inc.) (Letter to Martin	1983
	Nolan, Editor Boston Globe Oct. 5, 1983)	
1	Billouin Jr., S.C.	1983
1	Bou-Sliman, Joseph (President, Falcon	1983
	Enterprises, LTD.)	
1	Browne, Ralph (Post Commander, William Carter	1983
	Post No. 16)	
1	Bunte, Doris (State Rep) (Letter to Thomas	1983
	Winship, Editor <u>Boston Globe</u> Nov. 8, 1983)	
1	Burnham, Margaret (National Conference of	1983
	Black Lawyers)	
1	Byrd, Jane	1983
1	Campbell, Barbara (Includes correspondence regarding	
	the case for political asylum for Dennis Brutus)	1983
1	Carol (surname unknown)	1983
1	Craven, James (State Rep)	1983
1	Dion, Arthur (Includes photo of Mel with Chicago Mayor	
	Harold Washington from El Caribe, Santo Domingo)	1983
1	Diotalevi, Emilio	1983
1	Early Jr., Norman (DA, Colorado)	1983
1	Elam, Clarence	1983
1	Feignbaum, Norrie	1983
1	Forti, Lucy (Executive Director, Concerned Citizens for	
	Drug Prevention) (Includes article "Group in Roxbury	
	Boston Globe Sept.11, 1983)	1983
1	Gaudet & Eckel (Media Consultants)	1983
1	Gibbs, S. Kay (Includes October 1983 <u>Boston Observer</u>)	1983
1	Goldsmith, Larry (Includes "The Real Issue in the	
	Boston Mayoral Election" Gay Community	
	News Dec. 3, 1983)	1983
1	Gooding, Cheryl	1983
1	Hector, Frank (Tuskegee Airmen New England Chapter)	1983
1	Hill, Retha (Includes letter to editor, Mel Miller	1983
	Bay State Banner Jun. 27, 1983	
1	Hillman, Gracia and Bob (Mailgram)	1983
1	Issues Committee for the Mel King Campaign	1983
1	Judy (surname unknown)	1983
1	Kenyatta, Muhammad	1983
1	King, Mel (Letter to Mr. Spence)	1983
1	Knight, Muriel	1983
1	LaLiberte, Donald and Lewis Finfer	1983

	(Massachusetts Tenants Organization)	
1	Lana (surname unknown)	1983
1	Lawler, Brian (Mayor, New Bedford, MA)	1983
1	Lee, M. David	1983
1	Lewis, John	1983
1	Lynette (surname unknown)	1983
1	Mass. Unity Alliance	1983
1	McDonald Family (Mailgram)	1983
1	Mel King Campaign Committee	1983
1	Miller, Steven (Includes "The Political Fruits of Busing")	1983
1	Morris, Frank (Boston Private Industry Council)	1983
1	Murphy, Josephine	1983
1	Muwwakkil, Saleem	1983
1	Nelson Family	1983
1	Nelson, Jill (Jobs with Peace)	1983
1	Neuhauser, John (Dean, School of Management Boston	1703
1	College)	1983
1	Nieto Family (Mailgram)	1983
1	Norkus, Viola, Winnie Rizzuti and Larry Elman	1983
1	(Orient Heights Local Tenant Policy Council)	1703
1	O'Reilly, Margaret (Budd and Wiley)	1983
1	Page, Robert (President, <u>Boston Herald</u>)	1983
1	Palmer, Darlene	1983
1	Perry, Ronald (Assistant Professor, Vermont College	1703
1	of Norwich University) (Includes pamphlet from New	
	England Organization of Human Services Education)	1983
1	Porche, Bernard (Senior VP, DDR)	1983
1	Poston, Paul (Includes Energy Policy Paper)	1983
1	Range, Les (Mailgram)	1983
1	Ranuga, Thom.	1983
1	Roberts, John (Executive Director, Massachusetts	1983
1	Civil Liberties Union Foundation)	1703
1	Rodriguez, Alex	1983
1	Russell, Valerie (Telegram)	1983
1	Ryan, Bill and Phyllis (Boston College)	1983
1	Sadler, Charles (US Department of State)	1703
1	(Includes "Boston Voter's Win" Washington Post	
	Nov. 17, 1983 and business card)	1983
1	Samantha (surname unknown)	1983
1	Sard, Susan and Peter White (The Citizens Party	1983
1	Of Massachusetts)	1703
1	Short, Sister Kathy	1983
1	Smith, Thomas J. (VP Advertising, <u>Boston Herald)</u>	1983
1	Sullivan, Neil	1983
1	Trudeau, Ted (Former State Rep)	1983
1	Unknown	1983
1	Waller, Larry and Lorrena Guidera	1983
1	Welch, Mary	1983
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1	Zook Family	1983
1	Blankstein, Richard	1984
1	Bosen, Ted	1984
1	Chicano Federation	1984
1	Donelson, James (IRS)	1984
1	Dunfey, Bill (Dunfey Hotels)	1984
1	Feder, Don (Editorial Director, WEEI)	1984
1	Fox, Sheldon (General Manager, Hyatt Regency	1701
•	Cambridge)	1984
1	Gooding, Cheryl (Associate Director, Labor	1701
•	Studies Program UMASS Boston)	1984
1	Grannum, Sandra and Earl MacFarlane	1701
•	(Black Law Students Association, Harvard)	1984
1	Jan and Lloyd (surname unknown)	1984
1	King, Mel (Letter to the Editor Boston Globe Dec.	
	21, 1984)	1984
1	Marable, Manning (Director, Africana and Hispanic	
	Studies Colgate University) (Includes itinerary	
	for Mel's lecture at Colgate University)	1984
1	Milner, Thirman (Mayor, Hartford, CT)	1984
1	O'Meally, Robert (Wesleyan University)	1984
1	Relatives for Justice (Belfast, UK) (Mailgram)	1984
1	South End Press (Includes book list)	1984
1	American Graduate School of International	
	Management (Recommendation for Emory West)	1985
1	Aoki, Masato (Center for Popular Economics)	1985
1	Betty (surname unknown)	1985
1	Beyond Relief (newsletter)	1985
1	Boer, Albert (Director, Elizabeth Peabody House)	1985
1	Boston Rainbow Coalition (Steering Committee	
	Minutes Nov. 14, 1985)	1985
1	Brennan, Ed	1985
1	Brookline High School	1985
1	Browning, Grainger (Professor of Sociology,	
	Fitchburg State College)	1985
1	Busby, David and Antoinette (Includes pamphlet	
	"Network Marketing and Multiple Income	1007
4	Business Development Program")	1985
1	Cleage, Pearl (Huntley and Associates)	1985
1	Coughlin, Jim (Includes "People Who's Who"	1007
1	Worcester Magazine Jan. 23, 1985)	1985
1	East Boston Rainbow	1985
1	Fleurant, Gerdes (Director, African American	1985
1	Studies Salem State College)	
1	Friedman, Ellen David (Rainbow Coalition of	1005
1	Vermont) Fromm More (Tufts Political Action Coalition)	1985
1 1	Fromm, Marc (Tufts Political Action Coalition)	1985 1985
1	Gonzalez, Atanacio (President, Equal Rights Congress)	1983
1	Gopen, Martin	1985
1	Grannum, Sandra and Earl MacFarlane (Includes	1703
1	information about Joyce King's presentation to the	
	morniation about soyou ising a presentation to the	

	Black Law Students Association, Harvard Law School	
	for Black History Month)	1985
1	Haessly (?), Jackie (Mobilization for Survival)	1985
1	Herman, Ellen	1985
1	Hicks, Calvin (Includes resume)	1985
1	Howell, James (Senior VP, Bank of Boston)	1,00
-	(Includes <u>Seminars on Economic</u>	
	Policy and Presidential Politics: 1975 – 1985	
	A Ten Year Retrospective)	1985
1	Israel, Ellen	1985
1	Jacobs, Michael (Union for Radical Political	1703
1	Economics)	1985
1	Kendrick, Dolores (Philips Exeter Academy)	1985
1	King, Mel (Letter to Supporters. Includes	1703
1	questionnaire regarding possible run for	
	1 0 01	
	Congress, and summary of questionnaire	1005
1	responses)	1985
1	King, Mel (Letter to Boston Business Journal	1005
1	Jun. 7, 1985)	1985
1	King, Mel, Felix Arroyo, David Scondras, Charles	
	Stith, Charles Yancey and Leonard Zakim	1005
	(Letter to Mayor Flynn Feb. 5, 1985)	1985
1	Maher, Tom (Includes "Concept Paper On	
	A Collaborative Effort Between The Humphrey	
	Occupational Resource Center and The Jobs	
	Organization For Boston, Inc.")	1985
1	National Peace Institute Foundation	1985
1	O'Neal, Daphne	1985
1	Ortaliz, Roberto (Secretary-General Kilusang	
	Mayo Uno) (Includes separate letter from	
	Josh {surname unreadable} Jan. 1986)	1985
1	Palomba, Tony (Mobilization for Survival)	1985
1	Pearlstein, Steven (Editor, <u>Boston Observer</u>)	
	(Includes <u>Boston Observer</u> Jul. 1985)	1985
1	Peterson, Deborah (Black Law Students	
	Association, Harvard)	1985
1	Pettiway, Katie and Susan Snyder (Tenants	
	United for Public Housing Progress)	1985
1	Quinn, Mary (Coalition for Basic Human Needs)	1985
1	Reinhardt, Charles (Winchester Unitarian Society)	1985
1	Rufo, Ray (Includes clipping of Winnie Mandela)	1985
1	S., Mr. and Mrs. Dwight	1985
1	Sirianni, Carmen (Includes information about	
	Mel's part in the Northeastern University	
	Course, Introduction to Democratic Socialism)	1985
1	Smith, Zinneford (Kenneth Allen Gibson Civic	1985
	Association) (Mailgram)	
1	Taggart, Paulette and Ganson (Winchester Drama	
	Workshop) (Includes "Remembering Martin	
	Luther King Jr. We must Affirm each other"	
	Daily Times Woburn, MA Jan. 22, 1985)	1985
1	Teague, Ann (ABCD, GED Teacher)	1985
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1	Thompson, Warren (Includes "Speaker: Stafford Soft On	
	Apartheid" The Times Argus, Barre-Montpelier, VT	400.5
	Jul. 12, 1985	1985
1	TransAfrica	1985
1	Tunnermann, Carlos (Nicaraguan Ambassador)	
	(Letter from Carlos Nunez Commander	
	Of the Revolution)	1985
1	Williams, Dessima (Includes information about	
	The Grenada Foundation Inc.)	1985
1	Williams, Richard (Assistant to President,	
	Roxbury Community College)	1985
1	Young, Lee	1985
1	AFRAM (Includes letter to Dr. Ronald Walter of Howard	
	University from Preston Wilcox, Statement by Carl	
	Dix, RCP, USA on the MOVE, Massacre,	
	AFRAM Communique, and AFRAMailibrary	
	information sheet)	1986
1	Aids Action Committee (From All Walks of Life)	1986
1	Abt, Clark (Candidate US Congress)	1986
1	Allein, Susan and Louise Bruyn (Bay State Center	
	For Economic Conversion)	1986
1	American for Democratic Action (Includes 3 letters	
	And 2 questionnaires)	1986
1	Anderson, Eric and Richard Cauchi (CPPAX)	1986
	(Includes invitation)	
1	Batson, Ruth	1986
1	Beach, Barbara (Letter and memo)	1986
1	Bly, Bonita (Phone message, includes letter to	
	Ms. Bly from Mission Park Housing Development)	1986
1	Boer, Albert (Executive Director, Elizabeth	
	Peabody House) and Barbara Brownstein	1986
1	Bok, John (President, United Community	
	Planning Corporation) (Includes insert)	1986
1	Booker, Queen (Director, Inner-City Outreach)	1986
	(Includes letter of support by Mel King for	
	Inner-City Outreach in 1984)	1986
1	Boreth, Dee (Executive Director, National Dance	
	Institute / New England) (Includes "Just Gotta	
	Dance" Boston Herald Oct. 1985 and "Kids	
	Dance – the word is Wow!" <u>Boston Globe</u> May	
	24, 1985 and "Hey, Kids, that's using your	
	feet!" Boston Globe May 21, 1985	1986
1	Boston Rainbow Coalition (Includes State of the	-, -,
	Organization Report and retreat reports,	
	Rainbow Ticket Quotas and Rainbow Banquet	
	Expenses, and memos)	1986
1	Burns, Virginia and Howard Prunty (Political	1700
•	Action for Candidate Election)	1986
1	Bracken, Judy (Brighton Board of Trade)	1986
1	Buchanan, Dr. J. Robert (General Director, Mass	1700
•	General Hospital)	1986
		2,00

1	C., Pat (Economic Opportunity Report) (2 editions)	1986
1	Cagen, Leslie (Letter to Carrie Turnbow)	1986
1	Cagen, Leslie (Letter to Ken Haskins) (Includes	
	Letter from Ken Haskins to Mel King)	1986
1	Camps, Aramis	1986
1	Center for Rural Affairs (Includes insert)	1986
1	Clenott, Peter (Massachusetts Tenants	
	Organization) (Includes directions)	1986
1	Cochrane, Sharlene (Institute for Boston Studies,	
	Boston College)	1986
1	Coelho, Tony (Chairman, Democratic	
	Congressional Campaign Committee)	
	(Includes memo and letter)	1986
1	Committee to Elect Mel King to Congress	
	Press Release	1986
1	<u>CommonSense</u> (Newsletter)	1986
1	Communities Acting Together (Statement to	
	Cambridge City Manager Healy)	1986
1	Community Agencies Impact Adult Literacy	1986
1	Community Alliance (Letter to Editor)	1986
1	Conference on the Third World Debt Crisis and	
	Economic Injustice in the Northeast	1986
1	Crane, Robert (State Treasurer)	1986
1	Cusick, Pat (Memo to Lisa Barry and letter to	
	David Luberoff Editor, The Tab)	1986
1	Cusick, Pat (Includes "Developing Dramas" The Tab n.d.,	
	"Back Bay groups boycott Development talks"	
	The Tab n.d., "Intown Groups say Flynn forgets them"	
	Boston Globe Apr. 4, 1986, and Letters to the Editor	
	Boston Herald Apr. 4, 1986)	1986
1	Davis, Bill (3 thank you notes)	1986
1	Demas, Elizabeth (Kendall Square Associates)	1986
1	De Prosse, Nancy and Bruce Jonhson (Day Care	
	And Human Service Local of District 65 UAW)	
	(Includes signed statement of support)	1986
1	Dicara, Lawrence (Letter to Stephen Coyle,	
	Director BRA) (2 copies)	1986
1	Dohi, Gregory (Editor, <u>Harvard Salient</u>) (Letter to	
	Carrie Turnbow)	1986
1	Dole Publishing	1986
1	East Boston Chamber of Commerce	1986
1	Ebong, Nkedu (Includes CV and job descriptions)	1986
1	Edwards, Don (Chairman Subcommittee on Civil	1,00
-	And Constitutional Rights US House of	
	Representatives) (Letter to The Honorable William	
	Webster, Director FBI) (Includes" The Return of	
	Cointelpro?" The Nation Jan. 25, 1986 and	
	"Burglars or Snoopers?" <u>LA Times</u> Jan. 30, 1986)	1986
1	Elverrillo, Lolita (Assistant Director of Admissions	-, 00
	UMASS Boston) and Zoe Aponte-Gonzalez	
	(Assistant Director of Admissions UMASS Boston)	1986
1	Erbsen, Diana (Executive VP, College Young	-, 00
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	Democrats of American) and Alicia Glen	
	(Includes business card)	1986
1	Falk, Richard (Permanent Peoples Tribunal)	1986
1	Falkoff, Susan (Watertown Citizens for	1700
•	Environmental Safety)	1986
1	Fitzgerald, Timothy (MTA Consultant)	1986
1	Frese, Richard (Asst. Professor of Government,	1700
1	Bentley College)	1986
2	Friends and Co-workers of John Morgan (Includes	1700
_	Sample letter to Dr. J. Robert Buchanan	
	General Director, Mass. General Hospital)	1986
2	Friends of Joytown (Includes 2 copies of proposal	1700
_	And 2 copies of pamphlet)	1986
2	Fulse, Harvest (Includes business card)	1986
2	Gatling, Geraldine (Letter to James Hosker, Executive	1700
_	Director, Mass State Lottery) (Includes "Megabucks	
	players love obsession" <u>Patriot Ledger</u> Apr. 1, 1986)	1986
2	Gibson, Hugh (Program Director Black Coalition	1700
_	Of Cedar Rapids) (Includes letter to Dr. Laval	
	Wilson Superintendent of Boston Schools and	
	"An Eye-opening visit" <u>Cedar Rapids Gazette</u>	
	Aug. 5, 1986)	1986
2	Gurwitz, Ellen (Account Coordinator, Agnew,	1,00
_	Carter, McCarthy, Inc.)	1986
2	H., L. T. Sr. ("New City Council president – No Smoke,	-, -,
	no fire" <u>Boston Business Journal</u> Jan. 20, 1986)	1986
2	Hartnett, Ken (Editor, Boston Magazine)	1986
2	Hayes, Clare and Barbara McLaughlin	-, -,
	(League of Women Voter of Boston)	1986
2	Hemisphere Associates	1986
	Henderson, Wilson (Chairperson, Arlington	
	Fair Housing Advisory Committee	1986
2	International Organization	1986
2	Jamaica Plain NDC (Includes map)	1986
2	Jennings, James (Dean, College of Public and	
	Community Service UMASS Boston) (Includes	
	"A Lousy place for learning" <u>Boston Globe</u> Oct. 19,	
	1985 and "Letter to the Editor" <u>Boston Globe</u> Nov. 21,	
	1985 from Frank Manning, President Emeritus,	
	Massachusetts Association of Older Americans, Inc.	1986
2	Jordan, Raymond (Chairman, Massachusetts	
	Black Legislative Caucus and State Rep)	1986
2	Kahn, Charlotte (Executive Director, Boston	
	Urban Gardeners)	1986
2	King, Mel (Includes letters to President Ronald	
	Reagan and President Corazon Aquino)	1986
2	King, Mel (Letters to Leslee Shapiro)	1986
2	King, Mel (Memo to Board Members)	1986
2	King, Robert (Director, Office of National	
	Resources, Department of Agriculture)	1986
2	Kornblith, Polly	1986
2	Lanier, Albert, Abdul Jaleel Mahdi, and Tony Irving	

	(Letter to State Rep Gloria Fox) (Includes "Justices	
	reject indictment by panel That excluded blacks	
2	" <u>Boston Globe</u> Jan. 15, 1986)	1986
2	Leading Edge Products, Inc.	1986
2	Lehman, Ann (National Lawyers Guild)	1986
2	Liazos, Alex	1986
2	Lindsey, Bill (Clean Water Action Project) (2 letters)	1986
2	Logan, Jessie and Jim Wessler (Massachusetts	
	Senior Action Council, Inc.) (Includes "New	
	breed of elderly flexes its political muscle"	1006
2	Boston Globe Jan. 16, 1986)	1986
2	Louie, May (Chair, Boston Rainbow Committee)	1006
2	(Letter to Steve Surname unknown)	1986
2	Lucas, Bradford (Little Brothers Friends of the	1006
2	Elderly) (Includes invitation)	1986
2	Maney, Brian (ACORN) (Includes history of ACORN)	1986
2	Marshall, Bob and Bettie Fordham-Nolan	1006
2	(Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly)	1986
2	Martin, Robert (Principal, McCormack School)	1986
2 2	Mass, Ellen (Cambridge Soviet Sister City Project)	1986 1986
2	Matheson, Scott (Democratic Policy Commission)	1980
2	McDowell, Richard (Dean, School of Management	1006
2	Suffolk University) McKeeyer Girdy (Caelitien for Regis Hymen	1986
2	McKeown, Cindy (Coalition for Basic Human	1006
2	Needs) (Includes 2 letters and an invitation)	1986
2	Millet, Ricardo (BRA) to Marvin Gilmore (CDC of	
	Boston) (Includes Environmental Notification	
	Form for Project Kingston-Bedford / Essex St. And Environmental Notification	
		1986
2	Form for Project Parcel 18 Morrison, Virginia (Tribute to Minister Don	1960
2	Muhammad)	1986
2	National Lawyers Guild (Includes 2 letters and	1900
2	Invitation)	1986
2	O'Connor, Joseph (VP The Charles Stark Draper	1900
2	Laboratory, Inc.)	1986
2	O'Leary, Carol (LMA/Mission Hill Food Project)	1986
2	Old Cambridge Baptist Church	1986
2	Oliphint, Bonnie and Kevin Neels (Lexington	1900
2	Group of New England)	1986
2	Paladino, Thomas (VP, Atlantic Research Company)	1986
2	Pates, James (Membership Coordinator,	1700
2	Cambridge Forum)	1986
2	Piette, Betsy (National Mobilization Against Racism)	1986
2	Pilot Block Neighborhood Association	1986
2	Potter, Angela (Cambridge Multicultural Center)	1986
2	Ray, Richard	1986
2	Reveliotis, John and Martin O'Brien (Charlestown	1700
2	To Charlestown Committee)	1986
2	Reyes, Lucy (Boston Center for International Visitors)	1986
2	Ros (Surname unknown)	1986
2	Rosenbaum, Solomon (Includes "Letter to the Editor"	1700
_	Toolioudin, Solomon (melades) Detter to the Editor	

	Boston Herald Apr. 2, 1986, "Letters to Editor" Boston Globe Apr. 14, 1986, and "Letter to the Editor"	
	Worcester Telegram May 20, 1986	1986
2	Rosenblatt, Garret	1986
2	Ross, Nancy (Rainbow Lobby) (Includes Press Release for H.R. 2320 and "Let's Make	1001
2	America Really Democratic")	1986
2	Ruddock, John (Student Senate UMASS Amherst)	1986
2	Rufo, Ray	1006
2	Sabo, Martin (US Congressman)	1986
2	Salerno, Rosaria (Letter to the Editor <u>Boston</u>	1006
2	Globe Feb. 3, 1986)	1986
2	San Juan, Joel (Boston Editor, National Alliance)	
	Minister Don Muhammad (Nation of Islam	
	Boston Mosque) and Fred Clark (Editor Boston	1006
2	Greater News)	1986
2	Scanlon, Pat (New England No Nukes No Dumps	1006
2	Committee)	1986
2	Schinmer, B (Includes information regarding the	1006
2	Philippine Elections)	1986
2	Silber, John (President, Boston University)	1986
2	Simpkins, Phyllis (Chair, Democratic City	1006
2	Committee of Cambridge, Mass.)	1986
2	Sky, Ari (Brandeis University Democrats)	1986
2	Smith, James (Director, Cambridge Center for	1006
	Adult Education)	1986
2	Spiegel, Jim (Candidate for US Congress)	1986
2	Stillerman, Sharona (Raja Yoga Center)	1986
2	Student Action Committee Jamaica Plain High	1006
2	School	1986
2	Sullivan Associates	1986
2	Tate, Rachel (Director, Black Student Center	1006
2	UMASS Boston)	1986
2	Taylor, Tom (College Avenue United Methodist Church)	1986
2	Taymor, Betty (Director, Program for Women in	1006
2	Politics and Government Boston College)	1986
2	Thomas, Dorothy (Cambridge Youth Council)	1986
2	Tighe, Joan (2 copies) (Includes Women for	1006
2	Mel King memo)	1986
2	Turnbow, Carrie (Memo to Fredrick Cohen)	1986
2	Unknown (Signed, illegible)	1986
2	Unknown sender to "Prominent Rainbow Personalities"	1986
2	Unknown sender to Beukah Providence, (Director	1006
2	Urban Community Home Care)	1986
2	Vellucci, Peter (State Rep)	1986
2	Wade, Juanita	1986
2	Weeks, Charles (VP Black Political Task Force)	1986
2	Weiser, Bob	1986
2	Welch, Deb (Soviet Sister City Project)	1986
2	Worthy, Bill (Includes "Why the Budget Law is	
	'Horrendous'" NY Times Dec. 12, 1985 and	
	"A Texan's RX for what ails the Democratic	

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	Party" <u>Boston Sunday Globe</u> Jan. 5, 1986	1986
2	Wright, Catherine	1986
2	Wright, Ernest and Jennifer Spangler (Roxbury	
	Youthworks, Inc.)	1986
2	Zervigon, Andres (Brown Lesbian Gay Student	
	Alliance) (Letter to David Scondras, Boston	
	City Council)	1986
	Events:	
2	Concerned Citizens of Roxbury "Yes, Yes We	
	Can" Movement Packard Manse Roxbury, MA	Oct. 10, 1982
2	Eleventh Annual Unity and Awards Ceremony.	2 2 3 2 3 4 2 2 2 2
_	The African-American Institute of Northeastern	
	University Boston, MA	Jun. 4, 1983
2	Reception for Chicago Mayor Harold Washington.	Juli. 1, 1903
2	Satch's Restaurant Boston, MA	Aug. 7, 1983
2	A Special Evening to Benefit the Mel King.	Aug. 7, 1703
2	Campaign. Black Politics and The	
	1 6	
	Reconstruction Of the Progressive Coalition.	A 12 1002
2	First Parish Unitarian Church Cambridge, MA	Aug. 13, 1983
2	Mel King at League of Women Voters Debate.	Aug. 17, 1983
2	Metropolitan Boston Chapter National Caucus	
	and Center on the Black Aged 2 nd Annual	
	Celebrity Bar-b-cue.	Sep.10, 1983
2	Mel King for Mayor Fundraiser. House Restaurant	
	Allston, MA	Sep. 13, 1983
2	Campaign to Elect Mel King Mayor of Boston with	
	Mayor Andrew Young Of Atlanta, GA	
	Together We Can Make This City Ours.	Sep. 22, 1983
2	Soulful Celebration! An Evening of music, dance,	_
	theatre, & poetry with the people of Boston &	
	Mel King. Church of the Covenant	
	Boston, MA	Sep. 23, 1983
2	Boston Affordable Housing Coalition Interview.	Sep. 26 – 27, 1983
$\overline{2}$	Women's Celebration with Mel King. Women for	7 Tr - 1 - 1 , 1 , 2 , 2
_	Mel King for Mayor. Emmanuel Church	
	Boston, MA	Oct. 9, 1983
2	Uptown Candidate Social. Brooks and Brooks	3ct. 9, 1963
_	Catering Dorchester, MA	Oct. 11, 1983
2	Ford Hall Forum, Harold Washington <i>Blacks in</i>	Oct. 11, 1903
2	American Politics. Northeastern University	
	Boston, MA	Oct. 16, 1983
2		Oct. 10, 1983
2	Welcome to a Night of Glamour and Glitter. Satch's	N 2 1002
2	Restaurant Boston, MA	Nov. 3, 1983
2	MCLUF Bill of Rights Dinner. Sheraton-Boston	I 0 1004
2	Hotel Prudential Center Boston, MA	Jan. 8, 1984
2	Three in Concert benefit for Mel King.	
	Quincy Community School Boston, MA	Nov. 30, 1984
2	Massachusetts Chapter, National Association of	4005
	Social Workers Awards	1985
2	A Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. Taking the Dream	
	into the 21st Century. Cambridge Rindge and	
	Latin School Cambridge, MA	Jan. 11, 1985

2	Service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The First Parish in Bedford, Unitarian Universalist	
2	Bedford, MA Birthday Celebration Honoring: Dr. Martin Luther	Jan. 13, 1985
	King Jr. Fort Devens, MA	Jan. 15, 1985
2	The Grafton Job Corps Center Presents A Commemorative Program Honoring The Late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Grafton, MA	Jan. 15, 1985
2	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Lecture <i>Hunger in America</i> . Boston College Graduate School of Social Work	I 05 1005
2	Boston, MA NAACP New London Branch Fourth Annual Awards	Jan. 25, 1985
2	Banquet. Ocean Beach Park New London, CT The William J. Seymour Fellowship of Howard University 15 th Annual Intercollegiate Pentecostal	Feb. 23, 1985
2	Washington, DC Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association Presents	Feb. 22 – 23, 1985
	Their 6 th Brotherhood Award Breakfast.	
2	Marriott Hotel Newark, NJ	Feb. 24, 1985
2	A Social Work Forum Our Role in Today's World Now and In the Future. Adam Clayton Powell	
	Jr. State Office Building New York, NY	Mar. 11, 1985
2	MTA Local Leadership Development Committee	
	Statewide Conference <i>The Effects of the Reagan</i>	
	Presidency on Education and Unions in the 80's And Beyond. Holiday Inn Marlboro, MA	Mar. 16, 1985
2	Annual National Alumni Convention Claflin	Wiai. 10, 1965
	College Banquet. Sheraton Fayetteville	
	Fayetteville, NC	Apr. 12, 1985
2	Cleric I. For and the Community Elma Lawis	
	Gloria L. Fox and the Community. Elma Lewis Of Fine Arts Roxbury, MA	May 11, 1985
2	Workshop The Rainbow Coalition – Links in the	Way 11, 1705
	Chain of Change. The Washington School	
2	Institute for Policy Studies. Washington, DC	May 18, 1985
2	Graduation Exercises Adult Education Program South End Neighborhood Service Center.	
	Concord Baptist Church Concord, MA	Jun. 11, 1985
2	Jobs With Peace Campaign National Coordinating	,
	Committee Meeting. National Office Boston, MA	Jun. 21 – 23, 1985
2	A Call to an Emergency City-Wide Conference.	I 22 1005
2	New School for Social Research New York, NY The ABCD Learning Center Second Annual Awards	Jun. 22, 1985
2	& Graduation Ceremony. Fanueil Hall	
2	Somerville Mental Health Association Annual	
	Meeting. Fletcher School Tufts University	
2	Medford, MA From Hiroshima to Star Wars A Commemoration	Jun. 25, 1985
۷	Of the 40 th Anniversary of Hiroshima and	
	Nagasaki. Arlington Street Church Boston, MA	Aug. 7, 1985
2	"How to Get the US Government to Halt Nuclear	

	Weapons Testing" Council For A Nuclear	
	Weapons Freeze. Sloan School of Management	
	MIT Cambridge, MA	Sep. 11, 1985
2	Black Coalition of Cedar Rapids. University of Iowa	-
	Cedar Rapids, IA	Sep. $26 - 28$, 1985
2	Five-College Anti-Apartheid Rally / Teach-in.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
_	Massachusetts	Oct. 10, 1985
2	Northern New England Anti-Apartheid Conference.	301. 10, 1703
_	Dartmouth College Hanover, NH	Oct. 11 – 12, 1985
2	Financial Information	1983
2	Flyers	n.d., 1972 – 1985
2	Miscellaneous Clippings (2 folders)	1979 – 1985
3	Miscellaneous File	n.d., 1983 – 1985
3		11.d., 1903 – 1903
2	Miscellaneous Political Flyers	1983
3	Hayes, Chris	
3	Fox, Gloria	n.d., 1985
3	Kane. Michael	<u>n.d.</u>
3	Jackson, Jessie (Includes An Open Letter from the	
	Jesse Jackson Rainbow Coalition; Treasurer's	
	Report Mass. Jackson for President Committee	
	Activities Update Jul. 16, 1984; Memo to Mel	
	1984; Memo regarding formation of JACKPACs	1984
3	Mason, C. Vernon (For Manhattan District Attorney)	1985
3	Matos, Armando Pacheco (Bronx City Council)	1985
3	Singleton, Larry	n.d.
3	Yancy, Charles	1983
3	Miscellaneous Schedules	1988
3	MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning	n.d.
3	Newsletters	n.d., 1983 – 1985
3	Pamphlets	1983
6	Painting (Oversized): "We Came on Different Ships, but	n.d.
	We're in the Same Boat Now"	
3	Photograph	n.d.
	Posters (Oversized):	
6	"Big Daddy" King The Rainbow Coalition is not	
	Connected to the Girl Scouts! (hand drawn)	n.d.
6	A Primary Home Companion. Benefit Concert	1110
O	For Mel King Sep. 10	1983
6	Share His Vision for a Better Boston	1983
6	Soulful Celebration Sep. 23	1983
6	We're All in the Same Boat Now (hand drawn)	1983
6	Mel King West Village Meeting House.	1703
U	West Brattleboro, VT Jul. 11	1984
6		1904
6	School of Community and Public Affairs,	
	Concordia University. Montreal, Quebec	1005
2	Mar. 21	1985
3	Press Statements	1983
2	Speeches:	1002
3	Bay Village Candidates Night. Aug. 16	1983
3	Women's Alliance for Boston Elections. Oct. 27	1983
3	The Mayor's Race: The Battle to Reconcile;	
	Consensus and its Casualties by Billy Ruane	1983

3	The Future of Work: Second Annual Conference	
	Toward Constitutional Guaranteed Rights to	
	Employment and Income or Work. Apr. 26	1985
3	Vietnam Tenth Anniversary Celebration. May 5	1985
3	Roxbury Community College Graduation	
	Exercises. May 24	1985
3	Binder #1 (2 folders)	Nov 1982-May 1983
3	Binder #2 (2 folders)	May 1983-Jun 1983
4	Binder #3 (2 folders)	Jul 1983-Aug 1983
4	Binder #4 (3 folders)	Oct 1983
5	Binder #5 (3 folders)	Nov 1983
5	Binder #6 (1 folder)	Nov 1983-Dec 1983
7	T-Shirt "My Father's Runnin' For Mayor Catch Him!	n.d.
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