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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

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| Title | The Online Library and Museum Heritage Program in the Inland Empire |
| Extent | x linear feet |
| Arrangement | This collection is currently arranged alphabetically by organization, beginning with the Eta Nu Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Within this organization, plans are to arrange the documents by activity and then in chronological order to maintain the historical narrative of the archives. |
| Provenance | TOLAMHP was established in 2014 by former Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter from materials collected over the course of her life in the Inland Empire. The materials in this collection are housed in the offices of Creative Business Services, Inc. |
| Finding Aid | Printed finding aid in progress. |
| Preferred Citation | [Item, Folder #], The Online Library and Museum Heritage Program in the Inland Empire, Wilmer Amina Carter Foundation, Creative Business Services, Inc., Rialto, California 92377. |
| Restrictions | None. |
| Document types | Correspondence  Newspaper Articles  Photographs  Propaganda  Newsletters  Photocopies of Original Documents  Documents (Papers) |

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

Former Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter represented the 62nd District in the California Assembly from December 2006 to November 2012. Carter, originally from Mississippi, graduated from three educational facilities in San Bernardino (San Bernardino High School, San Bernardino Valley College, and CSU San Bernardino). Her career highlights include sixteen years as a trustee with the Rialto Unified School District and twenty-three years as a staff member for the late Congressman George E. Brown Jr. In recognition of her decades of service, a Rialto high school was named for her in 2001—the first high school in the Inland Empire named after a living African-American woman. Carter has been involved in more than thirty local and national organizations, each serving her advocacy for small business ownership, career development, public health, and African-American interests.

The bulk of The Online Library and Museum Heritage Program, established in 2014, derives from Carter’s personal collection of letters, articles, artifacts, etc. gathered over her decades of residence in the Inland Empire. Other future parts of the program include oral histories, donated artifacts, and primary resources from the Inland Empire’s African-American residents.

The heart of the collection are the materials chronicling Carter’s involvement in Eta Nu Omega, the Riverside/San Bernardino branch of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (the first sorority for African-American women [founded at Howard University, 1908]) from 1982—Present. Eta Nu Omega’s dedication to service and uplifting the Inland Empire’s African-American community touches each one of Carter’s particular points of advocacy and forged her connections with longtime black residents of the area.

For additional information on Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter and this collection, see Creative Business Services, Inc. (www.ef-cbs.com/creativebusinessservices/team-view/amina-carter)

**OPERATIONS:**

As TOLMHP is currently unavailable to the general public, there are no research procedures set in place. Material Reproductions are also unavailable due to the archive being a work in progress. The archive is currently processed and accessed by students at CSU San Bernardino at the rate of $12 per hour. An archivist technician could earn double that amount.

**HOURS OF OPERATION & LOCATION:**

Monday: 10 AM-3:30 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM-3:30 PM

San Bernardino Valley College Library, Room 210

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**LEGAL ISSUES:**

The current contents of the collection run the risk of multiple legal issues due to the sensitive materials and the absence of written release forms for copyrighted items. Among the sensitive materials are financial documents, tax information, and photocopies of checks. Among the items under copyright are photocopies of periodical articles, official documents from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and personal correspondence. Future references should be made for clearing legalities and copyrights, accession of sensitive materials, and obtaining written consent for the inclusion of private letters, emails, &c.

**KEY TERMS**

Michael L. Lomax

United Negro College Fund

Wilmer Amina Carter

Marion and Charlotte Black

Shirley Cecil Anderson

Yvonne Ashe

California Legislative Black Caucus

African American Health Institute of San Bernardino County

African American Mental Health Symposium

Linda Hart

Kamala D. Harris

African American Leaders for Tomorrow

Mervyn Dymally

California Black Media

Bob Farrell

Freedom Riders

Eta Nu Omega

Carolyn House Stewart

Alpha Kappa Alpha

San Bernardino County Association of African American Employees

Twillea Evans-Carthen

Louella Deetz

George E. Brown Jr.

Frances S. Reed Glenn

Marcus L. Jackson

Megan Denise Carthan

Sheik Court, No. 138, Daughters of Isis

Melanie Sue Holder

Melody Riley

Chaya and Chelsea Crowder

Brenda W. Odell

Black Culture Foundation

Ledford Mitchell Cooke, Sr.

Georgia Floyd Morris

Belva Holder

New Focus Community Outreach, Inc.

Margaret Ross

Eldred Marshall

Deborah LeBlanc

The CV Drum

Gerri Foxall-Kater