Extent

188 folders, approximately 8,150 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to housing rental vouchers, low-income homeownership, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, and the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It contains correspondence and background materials concerning housing reform throughout the Clinton Administration. These background materials include articles, draft regulations, publications, remarks, reports, and talking points.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2014-0224-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. During the Clinton Administration, several legislative and budgetary efforts aimed to increase housing for low-income Americans. These efforts included the restructuring of the Section 8 Program, such as 1997 legislation that ended excessive rental subsidies in order to allow for additional Section 8 contracts. In 1998, President Clinton signed the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) that provided many reforms to public housing. Reforms associated with QHWRA included linkage with welfare to work, reforms to Section 8 voucher programs, and also implementation of a Section 8 homeownership program. President Clinton also signed legislation in 2000 regarding Section 8 and homeownership vouchers. This homeownership voucher program allowed for rent vouchers to instead be used as housing vouchers for those eligible. During the Clinton Administration, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit or LIHTC cap was increased to allow for additional affordable housing, namely within the FY 2001 budget. This same budget altered the housing vouchers program to allow for direct contact between tenants and owners and also provide rental assistance for tenants

moving their location. The Subject Files in 2014-0224-F contain correspondence from political leaders, religious leaders, and housing organizations concerning availability of LIHTF funds, LIHTC increases, permanent renewal of LIHTC, and Section 8 rental assistance funding levels. Internal White House correspondence also describes the drafting process of outgoing letters. The Subject Files also contain correspondence and remarks regarding welfare-to-work and housing vouchers, in addition to concerns with the placement of Section 8 applicants. Lists describe the Clinton Administration's accomplishments with LIHTC and increased housing units in various states. In addition, these Subject Files contain correspondence regarding Section 8 rent increases as budgetary measures. The Chief of Staff file contains a memorandum discussing legislation addressing Section 8 reform. The Correspondence file regards form letters on FDIC affordable housing. The Council of Economic Advisers file contains an article on the effect of rent on housing. The majority of this collection is found in Domestic Policy Council (DPC) files. Irene Bueno's DPC files includes articles, correspondence, notes, papers, tables, and talking points that describe various proposals to both link housing vouchers to welfare to work efforts and also increase the LIHTC. Eric Gould's DPC files contain articles, remarks, and talking points that describe the Clinton-Gore Administration' position on affordable housing, housing vouchers, LIHTC, and Section 8. Christina Ho's files contain correspondence, notes, and draft regulations concerning the Section 8 homeownership voucher program. Andrea Kane's Domestic Policy Council files includes articles, correspondence, notes, talking points, reports, and statements discussing passage of budgets, proposals, and draft legislation concerning public housing. In addition, articles, correspondence, reports, statements, and talking points describe various housing vouchers and also welfare to work. Margy Waller's DPC files contain correspondence and talking points regarding proposals to raise Fair Market Rent (FMR) values for housing vouchers. Waller's files also contain correspondence and drafts that concern regulations regarding homeownership through Section 8. Waller's files also contain reports on mobility and housing vouchers within the Welfare to Work program. Paul Weinstein's DPC file includes talking points on Welfare to Work housing vouchers. The Legislative Affairs file primarily contains articles and correspondence from Members of Congress on the LIHTC and budget appropriations. The National AIDS Policy Office file contains articles regarding housing regulations associated with assisted living care. Carl Haack's National Economic Council (NEC) files contain articles, correspondence, publications, and talking points on the LIHTC, including proposals to expand this tax

credit. Cliff Kellogg's NEC files contain correspondence regarding LIHTC, amendments to the tax code, and increased tax credits. Gene Sperling's NEC files primarily contain articles and correspondence from various Members of Congress and state governors on proposals regarding LIHTC, including the permanency of the program. The Public Liaison file of Maria Echaveste contains articles and publication both in favor and opposed to the federal home ownership program. The Women's Initiative and Outreach file contains a HUD publication on the rental housing crisis. Automated Records Management [Email] files contain email to and from Paul Weistein, Margy Waller, Paul Diamond, and Gene Sperling. Similar to records found in the Staff and Office Files, email contains correspondence, remarks, and talking points that describe the Clinton-Gore Administration' position on affordable housing, housing vouchers, and the LIHTC. Email to and from Margy Waller contains correspondence concerning housing vouchers. Email to and from Paul Weinstein contains correspondence concerning Welfare to Work housing vouchers. Email includes discussion and strategy on defending legislation that would limit or end LIHTC. Email also regards rallying legislative support to expand LIHTC. Email also includes drafts and discussion of a memo from Bruce Reed and Gene Sperling to President Clinton regarding expanding the LIHTC.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (CL), Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP), and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. In addition, there are WHORM (CL) and WHORM (OP) series. Staff and

Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential email. The ARMS database is comprised of six sub-series of email records called “buckets.” The buckets generally represent a specific White House office. The buckets are titled: NPR, for National Performance Review, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, and Default for emails not associated with an office. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The WHO bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Executive Office of the President White House user account not identified as CEA, NPR, or OPD. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains emails records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP database is comprised of the same six sub-series of email as in ARMS. TRP email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2014-0224-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: BE Business - Economics BE004 National Economy BE004-04 Recessions - Depressions FA Federal Aid FA003 Housing FG001-06 Appointments – Interviews, Meeting with, Presidential FG001-07 Appointments Granted, Presidential FG006-01 White House Office FG023 Department of Housing and Urban Development FI002 Banks - Banking FI003 Bonds – Stocks - Investments FI004 Budget - Appropriations FI005-02 Housing, Loans FI006 Funds - Accounts FI010 Taxation FI010-02 Income Tax FI010-03 Real Estate Tax – Personal Property HS Housing LE002 Vetoes and Repeals and Recessions ME001 Messages (Sent to Individuals) ST State Governments ST028 Nevada

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Topical Subjects

Housing policy

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Correspondence
Roddick, Trudy
[FDIC [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation] / Low Income Housing] [OA/ID 19953]
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