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By preserving the records of unions and of labor leaders and activists, LAW serves as a center for historical research.

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LAW staff work with unions, advising on records management and arranging for donation of their historical materials to the Labor Archives.

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**COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

**Events**
- 1916 Everett Massacre
- 1919 Seattle General Strike
- 1934 Waterfront Strike
- Filipino Cannery Unionism
- UFW Grape Boycott
- 1999 Seattle WTO protests

**Organizations**
- Washington State Labor Council
- King, Pierce and Snohomish County Labor Councils
- American Federation of Teachers
- Building & Construction Trades Council
- Communication Workers of America
- Inland Boatmen’s Union of the Pacific
- Industrial Workers of the World
- International Association of Machinists
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- International Longshore and Warehouse Union
- Service Employees International Union
- Washington State Nurses Association

Support from the ILWU and its Longshore Division, including a recent contribution of $120,000, has been key to the campaign.

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- Terri Mast
  Secretary-Treasurer
  Inland Boatman’s Union

**PHOTOGRAPHS:**

Upper left: Filipino Cannery Workers ca. 1940; Center: Seattle WTO protest, 1999; Upper Right: ILWU and Intl’ Woodworkers of America pensioners, date unknown; Background: Meeting of WA State Labor Council, 1919