

BIOGRAPHY

Anne Wexler Assistant to the President

Anne Wexler is Assistant to the President of the United States. Appointed to the White House Senior Staff by President Carter on May 1, 1978, she is responsible for developing and administering efforts to support and carry out Presidential priorities including the involvement of interested groups and individuals in the making and implementation of policy.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Wexler had served as Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce since January 1977. At the Commerce Department she was responsible for the coordination of the Department's programs and field operations, and also acted as Special Assistant to the Secretary for Regional Economic Coordination and as Chairperson of the President's Task Force on Women Business Owners.

Before joining the Commerce Department, Ms. Wexler was Associate Publisher of *Rolling Stone* magazine, supervising the circulation, subscription, promotion and production functions of the publication. She was also responsible for research on new acquisitions and corporate diversification, and directed magazine syndication operations.

During the 1976 Presidential campaign, Ms. Wexler was active in a number of capacities, as a member of the Carter/Mondale campaign's National Steering Committee, the Democratic National Committee Campaign Committee, and the National Committee's Voter Registration Task Force; as floor leader for Jimmy Carter at the Democratic National Convention; and as his representative in the 1976 Democratic Rules Committee. She also served on the National Committee's Education and Training Council.

She was a member of the Charter Commission of the Democratic National Committee in 1974-75, and of the Democratic Campaign Committee for the 1974 elections. She was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1968 and 1972, a member of the Convention Rules Committee those two years, and a floor leader in 1972. She was chief consultant to the Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection from 1969 to 1972, on Connecticut's Democratic State Committee on Election Law Reform in Connecticut in 1969, and on the National Municipal League Policy Committee's Elections Systems Project in 1971.

In 1970, Ms. Wexler served as Director of the Voting Rights Project for Common Cause. In 1973, she was a Fellow of the Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Ms. Wexler served on the Westport, Connecticut, Zoning Board of Appeals from 1966 through 1971, and in 1967 was also on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Mental Health Association.

Born in New York City on February 10, 1930, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Skidmore College in 1950. In 1972, she received the Outstanding Alumna Award from Skidmore.

Ms. Wexler is married to Joseph D. Duffey, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. They have four sons: David and Daniel Wexler, Michael and David Duffey.