



**Finding aid of the Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee to the San  
Francisco Human Rights Commission Records  
1966-1992, bulk 1986-1992**

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**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society  
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## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Title**

Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission Records

### **Accession number**

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### **Date**

Bulk: 1986-1992

Inclusive: 1989-1992

### **Creator**

Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission

### **Extent**

2 manuscript boxes

0.8 linear feet

### **Repository**

Gay Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

San Francisco, California

### **Abstract**

The bulk of the collection consists of agendas, minutes and documentation of issues discussed during meetings of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Committee to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, from 1986-1992. The main issues covered within the collection are domestic partnership legislation, AIDS/HIV discrimination, the battle for inclusion of gay/lesbian events and historical information in public school textbooks, and the Catholic Church's stance on homosexuality. Also included are materials related to committee operation and policies, and notes and materials pertaining to the Racism Committee and the Education Committee, which was formed to address disability rights and transgender activism. The collection provides a history of the issues addressed by the Committee and includes correspondence between Committee members and political and religious figures.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Acquisition**

Donated in 1994.

### **Access**

Collection is open for research.

### **Publication Rights**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Processing Information**

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### **Biography**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Committee to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, currently known as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Advisory Committee, was created in May 1975. According to the Human Rights Commission's website, the Committee "provides assistance and advice to the Commission regarding discrimination against the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities; advocates for the civil rights of persons with AIDS/HIV; and educates the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities about issues of diversity within those communities."

### **Collection Scope and Content Summary**

The records provide a history of issues covered during the Committee's meetings in the late 1980's and early to mid-1990's. Included within the collection are minutes and agendas for Committee meetings and Human Rights Commission meetings; documentation of reported AIDS cases between 1981 and 1991; newspaper articles and clippings from the *BAR*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Francisco Examiner*, *Oakland Tribune*, *San Francisco Sentinel*, and the *New York Times*; professional correspondence; flyers; San Francisco Administrative Codes; and San Francisco Police Codes.

People, organizations, and institutions represented in the collection include Mayor Art Agnos, Barbara Boxer, Supervisor Harry Britt, Mayor David Dinkins, Lou Giraudo, Cynthia Goldstein, Lynn Griffis, Rev. Timothy Healy, Bill Honig, May Jaber, Peter Jamero, Frank Jordan, Norm Nickens, Senator Jim Nielsen, Nancy Pelosi, Archbishop John R. Quinn, Bishop Ratzinger, Myra Riddell, Marlon Riggs, Jon Stewart, Louis W. Sullivan, MD, Bank of America, the Catholic Church, Community United Against Violence, Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Levi Strauss Foundation, the San Francisco Police Department, and Wells Fargo bank.

Issues and topics included in the collection include domestic partnership legislation; violence toward gays and lesbians; the Catholic church's stance on homosexuality; gays in the military; police raids on private San Francisco clubs; HIV/AIDS discrimination; HIV testing and immigration; the San Francisco Gay Pride Parade; disability rights; racism; Rodney King demonstrations; trans activism; the controversy surrounding the Boy Scouts' anti-gay stance and corporate funding; Project 21 Coalition and the effort to get fair and accurate inclusion of lesbian, gay, and bisexual images and issues in textbooks; SHAPE (Stop Homosexual Advocacy in Public Education); safe sex; health professionals and mandatory HIV disclosure; and the *Miss Saigon* controversy.

## Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is organized in 6 series:

- Series 1. Operations/Policies
- Series 2. Meeting Agendas & Minutes
- Series 3. Committees
- Series 4. Issues
- Series 5. Clippings
- Series 6. Miscellaneous

## Indexing Terms

## Related Collections

## Collection Contents

### Series 1.

#### Operations/Policies 1988-1989

1 Folder

#### Series Scope and Content Summary:

This series contains documentation regarding policies affecting the Committee including conflict of interest laws, quorum at meetings, and 1987 guidelines for Commissioner and Standing Committee responsibilities.

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Date</u>
1/1	Operations/Policies	1988-89

### Series 2.

#### Meeting Agendas & Minutes 1986-1992

5 Folders

#### Series Scope and Content Summary:

The first four folders of this series contain meeting minutes, agendas, and board packets, which include materials such as flyers, press releases, and professional correspondence relating to issues addressed at meetings. Domestic partnership legislation, anti-gay violence, police raids on private clubs, HIV/AIDS discrimination, HIV testing and immigration, disability rights, racism, gay, lesbian, and bisexual inclusion in textbooks, the International Lesbian/Gay Conference, Marlon Rigg's *Tongues Untied*, the Helms Amendment concerning deliberate transmission of the AIDS virus, and homophobia within the media/arts are topics addressed within the series.

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The last folder contains minutes and agendas from the San Francisco Human Rights Commission meetings between 1988 and 1992.

Original order of the files has been maintained.

1 /2	Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes & Agendas	1986-3/1990
1/3	Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes & Agendas	4/1990-12/1990
1/4	Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes & Agendas	1/1991-6/1991
2/1	Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes & Agendas	7/1991-12/1992
2/2	Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes & Agendas	1988-1992

### **Series 3.** **Committees** 2 Folders

#### **Series Scope and Content Summary:**

This series is comprised of planning notes for the Racism and Education Committees, a report on race discrimination and employment practices, articles addressing how to confront racism in the gay/lesbian community and materials relating to the implementation of the 1992 Americans with Disabilities Act.

2/3	Racism Committee	1991-1992
2/4	Education Committee	1992

### **Series 4.** **Issues** 4 Folders

This series consists of materials addressing specific issues addressed by the Lesbian/Gay Committee. The HIV/AIDS folder contains statistics regarding reported AIDS cases between July 1981 and March 31, 1991 and reports on sexual orientation and AIDS discrimination for fiscal year 1987-1988. The Domestic Partners folder is comprised mainly of correspondence to the Reverend John R. Quinn concerning the Catholic church's opposition to domestic partner legislation and documentation of public hearings on domestic partnership. Within the SHAPE folder is correspondence to George Fujioka, Chair of the Contra Costa Human Relations Committee, regarding the California Coalition for

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Traditional Value's campaign known as SHAPE or Stop Homosexual Advocacy in Public Education, and a February 1989 newsletter published by SHAPE. A 1986 document entitled, Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, is included in the Ratzinger Letter and the Catholic Church file.

Related news articles on these issues are located in the clippings folder in Series 5.

Original order of the files has been maintained.

2/5	HIV/AIDS	1981-1990
2/6	Domestic Partners	1988-1989
2/7	SHAPE	1989
2/8	Ratzinger Letter & the Catholic Church	1989

**Series 5.**  
**Clippings**

1 Folder

This series consists of newspaper clippings from the *BAR*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Francisco Examiner*, *Oakland Tribune*, *San Francisco Sentinel*, and the *New York Times* concerning issues such as the Catholic church's stance on condom use and education, violence directed at the lesbian/gay community, domestic partner legislation, disability rights, and trans activism.

Order has been imposed.

2/9	Clippings	1986-1992
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**Series 6.**  
**Miscellaneous**

1 Folder

This series contains HRC Flyers and copies of the San Francisco Police codes and San Francisco Administrative codes, including Chapter 12A which highlights the rules and regulations governing the Human Rights Commission.

Order has been imposed.

2/10	Miscellaneous	1966-1987
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