

Descriptive Summary

Title: Harry Britt Papers

Dates: 1979-1994 (bulk 1979-1989)

Collection Number: GLC 154

Creator/Collector: Britt, Harry, 1938-

Extent: 23 cubic feet (23 boxes), 2 oversized flat boxes

Repository: James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center, San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, California 94102

Abstract: The papers contain correspondence, subject / issue files, press coverage and clippings, budgets, campaign materials, photographs, and other ephemera of Harry Britt, a political activist and a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (1979-1993).

Language of Material: English

Access

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Biography/Administrative History

Harry Britt (born June 8, 1938) is a political activist and former member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Openly gay, he was appointed to complete the term of slain supervisor Harvey Milk, and ran for a seat on the board for many

years after. Britt served from January 1979 until January 1993. He introduced domestic partnership legislation in 1982 which was passed by the Board but vetoed by Mayor Feinstein. He reintroduced domestic partnership legislation in 1989 which was signed by Mayor Agnos but repealed by a ballot initiative. Britt authored a modified initiative, Proposition K, for the legislation which the voters did pass.

Scope and Content of Collection

The papers contain correspondence, subject / issue files, press coverage and clippings, budgets, campaign materials, photographs, and other ephemera. Some of the major issues addressed include domestic partnership, AIDS care and prevention, and the administration of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program funding. There are several files on the Commission on the Status of Women, the Lesbian / Gay Caucus, and democratic associations in San Francisco and California.

Indexing Terms

Britt, Harry, 1938- .—Archives.

Domestic Partner Benefits—California—San Francisco.

Gay couples—Legal status, laws, etc.—California—San Francisco.

Lesbian couples—Legal status, laws, etc.—California—San Francisco.

Unmarried couples—Legal status, laws, etc.—California—San Francisco.

San Francisco (Calif.)—Politics and government—20th century.

GLC 154 Harry Britt Papers inventory

Boxes listed: 1, 3-8, 10, 13-19

Box 1

Lesbian and Gay Caucus, California Democratic Party

[Unlabeled Folder] (3 folders)

The Journal (2 folders)

California Democratic Party Executive Board Directory 1987

California Democratic Party Lesbian & Gay Caucus 1981

Lesbian & Gay Caucus 1983-1984

Lesbian & Gay Caucus 1985

Lesbian & Gay Caucus 1987

Democratic National Convention 1992

Lesbian and Gay Caucus, California Democratic Party

Box 3

Phone Memo Book

Citizen Letters to Frank Jordan

HIV Periodicals

Mayor's Office of Children. Youth and their Families

United States Conference of Mayors – Task Force on AIDS

CDC (Center for Disease Control)

Draft Reports – Lesbian and Gay Health Issues

HIV / AIDS Reports

Needle Exchange 1993

SF Human Rights Commission Reports

Sandra R. Hernandez, MD

People of Color and HIV / AIDS

[Misc. Loose Papers]

Photos & Misc.

Volunteer Call List

[1993 March on Washington papers in Binder]

Box 4

[unlabeled folder]

List of Donors, Etc.

Continuum/HIV Day Services

[unlabeled folder]

Film/Video

[unlabeled folder]

Travel Regulations

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[unlabeled folder]

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Administration Policy on AIDS

HIV Issues Advisory Committee

AIDS/STD/TB Epidemiology Demographics

AIDS Housing

AIDS Memorial Grove

AIDS Conference

Medical AIDS Task Force

[unlabeled folder]

Community Development

Jean Harris (2 folders)

Illegal Demolition

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Jane Doe

Jean's Legislative Business

Human Rights Commission

Lesbian & Gay Caucus – CA Democratic Party

Journal of Proceedings

KQED

Hazardous Waste

Health Commission (2 folders)

Box 5

Health Service System

Hetch Hetchy Water

Homeless

Hotel Tax

Housing – Low Income, Etc.

Gay Rights Bill

Gay Olympics (2)

George Smoot Case

Box 6

Banner

Box 7

Office of Citizens' Complaints

Open Space Park Renovation

Operation Concern

Peninsula Corridor Study – Joint Powers Board

Planned Parenthood – Family Planning

Presidio

Press – Media

Pro-choice

Project Open Hand

L/G City of Refuge

Recreation & Parks Department

Red Cross

Substance Abuse

Tenderloin

Sierra Club

Social Services

SF Common Cause

SF Community Television Corporation

SF Film Commission
SF Sanctuary – El Salvador
School Board
Sharon Kowalski Day
Tobacco Tax / Prop 99
Traditional Values Conference
Transportation
UCSF (University of California at San Francisco)
Underwater World
Vacancy Control
Whistleblower / EEOC Investigation
Walden House
Women’s Building

Box 8

Harry Britt Biographical Sketch
Harry’s Financial Statements
Harvey Milk School Resolution
Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club
Press/Newspaper Clippings
Hate Crimes
G.A.I.N. (Greater Avenues to Independence) (2)
DSS/GA (Department of Social Services/General Assistance)
Domestic Violence

Doolittle Information

Elephant Walk

Delinquency Prevention

Domestic Partners – Misc. (3)

Domestic Partners Ordinance and Resolution

Domestic Partners Drafts (3)

Friends

Box 10

Misc. AIDS (2 folders)

AIDS (2 folders)

Budget

HIV Task Force (3 folders)

Commission on the Status of Women (3 folders)

Commission on the Status of Women Task Force (2 folders)

Box 13

[Loose papers – Phone Logs, Memorandum]

AIDS Budget

Domestic Partners Mail-out Info

Newspapers for Jean – AIDS, Queer, Health, Sexual Harrassment (2)

[Newspaper Clippings] (2)

LAFA (Lesbian Agenda For Action) (2)

LAFA – Grants

Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day

Lesbian & Gay Health Conference

Box 14

Zoo – Animal Rights

Women's Health

South Africa Anti-Apartheid

Work Improvement Program (WIP)

Hazardous Waste Management Program

AIDS Life Center, Inc.

Lesbian/Gay Caucus Democratic Party

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LAFA (Lesbian Agenda For Action)

AIDS Ryan White – Ryan White CARE

AIDS Ryan White – CARE Council

AIDS Travel

ACT UP Agnos

[Senior Escort Program]

Box 15

AIDS Discrimination (2)

AIDS/ARC Vigil

Crowd Control

Computers

Constituents File

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (5)

AIDS Misc.

AIDS Reports/Readings (Thin)

Newspaper for Jordan – Mayor, Jean, Other Politics from Queer Perspective

AIDS Readings (3)

Box 16

[Buttons]

[Misc. Loose Papers] (5)

Women's Building

[Britt for Supervisor, Nov. 1984]

[Jean Harris]

Charlotte Bunch

Harvey Milk Dinner 1990

Mayor Jordan Town Hall Meeting 3/24/93

CA Assembly Bill 260 – Amended March 1, 1993 – Clean Needle Exchange Project

Bay Area Reporter (Jan. 5, 1989; Feb 2, 1989)

Bay Area Reporter (Nov. 8, 1990; Nov. 15, 1990; Jan. 16, 1992)

San Francisco Sentinel (Dec. 30, 1988; Jan. 6, 1989; Feb. 2, 1989)

The Gay Book – Autumn/Winter 1985-86

The Gay Book – Summer/Fall 1986

The Gay Book – Summer 1987

Attorney General's Asian and Pacific Islander Advisory Committee Final Report –
December 1988

Office of the Attorney General, Sacramento, CA
The Lavender Pages – Summer/Fall 1993

Box 17

Rent Ordinance

Local 2 – Hotel/Restaurant

Local 790

Russia

Library

MacBride Principles

Mental Health

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Mount Zion Hospital

Needle Program

Nuclear Free zone

Resumes

Resolutions

State Legislation 1/89 – 6/89 (2 folders)

State Legislation 7/89 – 12/89 (3 folders)

Box 18

[Mayor's Office –Frank Jordan]

Needle Exchange

[unlabeled folder – misc]

Mayor's Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 1993-94

[unlabeled folder – misc]

CARE

[misc. loose papers] (4)

[newspapers]

[Mayor's Office notepad]

The Dept. of Health Services' Plan for Expanding Medi-Cal Managed Care

Lists

Dept. of Public Health

Health Care Reform – Impact on the Public Health of San Francisco

[Staff Reports]

[Jean Harris bank statement & checks]

Appointment Book 1992

General

Economic, Business & Community Development

Press Releases

Operation Concern

Box of labels

Box 19

Domestic Partners – Mayor's Correspondence

Domestic Partners – City Attorney Correspondence

Budget/Deficit Summary Info 1988-89

Budget Press Releases

Budget/Instructions 1988-89

Community United Against Violence (6 folders)

Art Agnos Press

ACLU

Committee Appointments

John Burton – Assemblyman

Children

Citizens' Advisory Board – Mental Health Services

Civil Service Commission

CLERP (Community Labor Education & Research Project) – Labor Education Research

Coalition for Artistic and Cultural Diversity

Coleman Advocates

Biographies

Black Firefighters

Board vehicle Reservation

Board Misc.

Arts Wall of Fame

Ballot Measures

Ballpark – Downtown

Animal Care & Control Department

Arlo Smith

Box 24 (oversized)

Board of Supervisors of San Francisco member certificate, 1979 (framed)

Box 25 (oversized)

Board of Supervisors of San Francisco campaign materials scrapbook and ephemera