



**Finding aid of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE)
Papers
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Descriptive Summary

Title

Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) Papers

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Inclusive: 1992-1994

Creator

Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality

Extent

1 half manuscript box

0.20 linear feet

Repository

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Abstract

This small collection contains materials related to meetings and business conducted by the Lobby for Individual Equality and Freedom between the years 1992 and 1994.

Administrative Information

Acquisition

Donated to the Library by the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality in 1997.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights

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Organizational History

Also known as the LIFE AIDS Lobby, the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) was founded in June, 1986 to represent the gay and lesbian community and those affected with HIV before the California legislature in Sacramento.

According to LIFE's brochure "The State of the Lobby", the organization was formed to combat AIDS hysteria in the California Legislature after a few legislatures were successful in moving homophobic bills in response to the AIDS crisis. The organization fought against bills concerning nonconsensual testing, the repeal of confidentiality laws, and mandatory quarantine proposals. LIFE operated as a nonpartisan association with more than 100 affiliates representing gay and lesbian community organizations, AIDS service providers, and a number of municipalities and was responsible for AIDS legislation such as California's Early Intervention and AIDS Drug Program, and non-discrimination and confidentiality laws.

LIFE's lobbying efforts also resulted in employment protections for gays and lesbians and the inclusion of sexual orientation in hate crimes legislation.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

The collection contains materials related to business conducted and organizational meetings, such as bylaws; affiliate directories; Board materials, including meeting agendas and minutes; flyers; memos; newsletters; organizational charts and summaries of bills defended or challenged by the Lobby for Individual Equality and Freedom between the years 1992 and 1994. The collection is arranged chronologically. Many of the bill summaries include handwritten notes explaining the status of that particular bill. Summaries of actions such as a funeral home "sting" operation to determine how funeral home staff treat people who are making arrangements for AIDS deaths are also included in the collection.

Bill topics include Domestic Partner Registration, Latinos and HIV Prevention, Women and HIV, Sexual Harassment, Fair Housing, a Domestic Political Terrorism Bill sponsored by Planned Parenthood, Needle Exchange, Wage Discrimination, Homosexuals in the Military, Wills and Health Facility Visits, and Fair Employment.

Politicians sponsoring bills include Willie Brown, Barbara Lee, and Bill Lockyer.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is organized in 3 folders:

- Folder 1. 1992 Meetings and Business Conducted
- Folder 2. 1993 Meetings and Business Conducted
- Folder 3. 1994 Meetings and Business Conducted

Indexing Terms (get LC terms)

AIDS/Aids Activism

Legal, Laws and Legislation

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Related Collections

Collection Contents

Meetings/Business Conducted

3 Folders

Scope and Content Summary:

The folders contain bylaws, organizational charts, press releases, meeting minutes and agendas, bill summaries, fact sheets, and affiliate member lists of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality.

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