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Abstract: Correspondence, clippings, legal papers, and certificates of gay activist, J. Ray Gallagher, 1970-1985. Part of the collection documents Gallagher's candidacy for public offices, including Santa Monica City Council, Los Angeles County Supervisor, U.S. Congress, and California State Assembly. The bulk of the material consists of letters written by Gallagher to (for the most part) public offices and officials, such as the Santa Monica City Council, Congresspersons and heads of state, regarding numerous topics, from neighborhood concerns to national and foreign policy.
creator: Gallagher, J. Ray
Biographical Note
J. Ray Gallagher was a firefighter and activist whose myriad interests, ranging from gay rights to local and international politics, were expressed in letters sent to numerous public officials and offices. During the 1970s and early 1980s, Gallagher was an outspoken gay candidate for public offices, including Santa Monica City Council, U.S. Congress, and California State Assembly. He left the Los Angeles area in 1985 and moved to Louisville, Kentucky.
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Scope and Content
Correspondence, clippings, legal papers, and certificates of gay activist, J. Ray Gallagher. Over the date span of the collection, 1970-1985, Gallagher was a gay candidate for public offices including Santa Monica City Council, Los Angeles County Supervisor, U.S. Congress, and California State Assembly. The bulk of the material consists of letters written by Gallagher to (for the most part) public offices and officials, such as the Santa Monica City Council, Congresspersons and heads of state, regarding numerous topics, from gay civil rights and neighborhood concerns to national and foreign policy.
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