Gay Community Alliance Collection, 1971-1973 Coll2011.045*

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Abstract: Statement of purpose, notes, meeting minutes, photographs, correspondence, flyers, member lists, publicity releases, bylaws, and ephemera documenting activities of the Gay Community Alliance (GCA), 1971-1973. The GCA was established in 1971 as a political organization using "tactics of confrontational politics" to advocate a civil rights agenda for the gay and lesbian community in Southern California.
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Scope and Content
Statement of purpose, notes, meeting minutes, photographs, correspondence, flyers, member lists, publicity releases, bylaws, and ephemera documenting activities of the Gay Community Alliance (GCA), 1971-1973. Established in Los Angeles in 1971, the GCA was "a political organization . . .[that used] the tactics of confrontational politics" (mass demonstrations, sit-ins) to hold elected officials publicly accountable for violations of the civil rights of gay and lesbian individuals. Among other things, the collection documents the GCA's militant resistance to harassment of gays by the LAPD; its support for political candidates on record as supporters of gay and lesbian civil rights; and its support of AB 437, a proposed state law legalizing all sexual acts between consenting adults.
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Historical Note
Established in Los Angeles in 1971, the GCA was "a political organization . . .[that used] the tactics of confrontational politics" (mass demonstrations, sit-ins) to hold elected officials publicly accountable for violations of the civil rights of gay and lesbian individuals. In addition to targeting particular infractions, the GCA sought to enhance the perceived political power of the gay and lesbian community in Southern California by pressuring candidates for public office to declare their position on gay and lesbian civil rights.
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