Larry Sprenger Papers Coll2012.167

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Abstract: The Larry Sprenger papers consists of notes, correspondence, and records documenting the professional and private life of Larry Sprenger, an insurance salesman and political activist, in the 1980s and 1990s. The bulk of the collection, from 1983 to 1985, represents Sprenger’s work as a member of two AIDS legislation research organizations and his involvement as a speaker and fundraiser for various political groups.
creator: Sprenger, (Fred) Larry

Arrangement
This collection is arranged chronologically in the following series:
Series 1. Personal Life
Series 2. Political Involvement

Biography
Fred Larry Sprenger was born July 4, 1941, and settled in Southern California after a tour of duty in the United States Air Force. He worked as an insurance consultant and broker but was also an active supporter of gay political causes at all levels of government. Most prominently in the mid-1980s, he sat as the co-chair of the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles, a political action committee dedicated to the advancement of gay, lesbian, and women's rights. Sprenger wielded his power as MECLA co-chair to gain admittance as a member of the Los Angeles City/County AIDS Task Force and as a consultant to AIDS Project Los Angeles.
Separate from MECLA, Sprenger served on two exploratory committees for friends seeking elected offices: former employer Peter Scott for State Assembly and Los Angeles Councilman Michael Woo for Mayor. Additionally, Sprenger found himself on a steering committee for a gay and lesbian elected officials speaking engagement and in service as the treasurer for the "No on 64" campaign against mandatory testing and job restrictions for individuals infected with HIV.
As an insurance broker, Sprenger helped usher in one of the first liability policies for the city of West Hollywood. This also put him in a position of advocacy against insurance agencies restricting HIV infected people from obtaining medical care. Sprenger passed away April 29, 2007 at the age of 65 while awaiting a heart transplant.
Sources: Larry Sprenger Papers, Coll2012-167, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California
Los Angeles Times, May 16, 2007

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Collection processed by Erick Hawkins, November 2012. Records relating to the professional operations and business aspects of MECLA have been processed as a separate collection.

Scope and Contents
The bulk of the collection documents Sprenger's work with AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City/County AIDS Task Force in the mid 1980s. The collection also includes documentation of his work as a fundraiser and advocate for two local political campaigns and speakers' conferences as well as his personal and political correspondence. Documents collected during Sprenger's term as co-chair of MECLA are located in the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles.

**Separated Materials**

**Related Archival Materials**
Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles, Coll2012.160, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California
No on 64 Records, Coll2011.060, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
AIDS (Disease)--Government Policy--California--Los Angeles
Gay activists--California--Los Angeles
Gays--Political activity


- **Language of Material:** English
- **Scope and Contents**
  This bulk of this series comprises personal correspondence between Sprenger and his family, friends, and political allies, mostly in the form of greeting cards and memorandums. The series also contains information on legal actions against a landlord and ephemera from various political events attended by Sprenger.
- **Arrangement**
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- **Box 1, Folder 2**
- **Box 1, Folder 3**
  Ephemera Bulk, 1984 1984, undated

- **Box 1, Folder 4**
  Correspondence, personal 1984-1985, undated
- **Box 1, Folder 5**
  Correspondence, gay committees and organizations 1984-1985, undated
- **Box 1, Folder 6**
  Day planner 1985
- **Box 1, Folder 7**
  Legal actions 1985

**Political Involvement** Series 2. **Bulk, 1984-1985 1984-1993, undated**

- **Language of Material:** English
- **Scope and Contents**
  This series documents Sprenger's personal and professional work in the political arena. Included are notes, correspondence, and legislation related to his work on the Los Angeles City/County AIDS Task Force and AIDS Project Los Angeles. Also documented is Sprenger's work on political campaigns, outreach to the Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists, and steering committee notes from an organized speaking engagement for gay and lesbian elected officials. Documents collected during Sprenger's term as co-chair of MECLA are located in the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles records, Coll2012.160.
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