Finding Aid to the James Goltz and Jean Wood ethnographic fieldwork research on the Committee Against the Briggs Initiative, Los Angeles chapter

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Administrative History
In 1978, Senator John Briggs introduced California Proposition 6, the "Briggs Initiative," to prohibition gay and lesbian people as well as those who advocated for gay and lesbian rights from working in public schools. The Committee Against the Briggs Initiative (CABI) formed in the spring of 1978 to fight the proposition. Multiple CABI chapters formed across California, the largest of which were in the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles. CABI's efforts contributed to the defeat of the proposition in the November 1978 election by a margin of 58% to 42%.

The impetus for the research was a two-quarter graduate seminar at UCLA on Ethnographic Fieldwork conducted by Professor Robert Emerson (Sociology 217A and B). Students were instructed to select a setting in which the principles of participant observation, in-depth interviewing, field-note taking, document collection and other ethnographic methods could be practiced. James Goltz and Jean Wood chose the The Committee Against the Briggs Initiative (CABI) chapter in Los Angeles and conducted interviews with members, attended meetings, and participated in demonstrations and public actions, including picketing a fast food restaurant whose owner had made contributions to the passage of the initiative. All interviews were conducted in-person using a standard questionnaire. The papers written by Goltz and Wood for the seminar are not included in the collection.

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Scope and Contents
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Arrangement
This collection is arranged alphabetically.
Separated Materials
Separate to the ONE audiovisual collection
Audiocassette recordings titled: post-election, election night, and recollections.

Separated to the ONE button collection
"No on Proposition 6," white with blue writing and red border and torch symbol, 2.25-inch diameter.
"no 6," red with white lettering, 1-inch diameter.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gay activists -- California -- Los Angeles
Interviews
Lesbian activists -- California -- Los Angeles
Political activists -- California -- Los Angeles
Committee Against the Briggs Initiative Los Angeles (Organization)

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Scope and Contents
Includes materials from California Defend our Children, National Socialist Party of America, and Citizens for Decency and Morality.

Box 1, Folder 8 Research introduction and questionnaire 107852 1978-1979
Scope and Contents
Includes the membership roster for the Los Angeles chapter of the Committee Against the Briggs Initiative.

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