
Finding Aid to the James Boone and Joseph Bocuzzo Papers Coll2015.003

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Abstract: Correspondence, meeting minutes, reports, city and state referendums and bills, surveys, clippings, notes, campaign donation records, and flyers documenting the gay rights activism of James Boone and Joseph Bocuzzo, 1977-1991. The collection primarily details the effort from 1985-1989 to implement and defend a City of Irvine human rights ordinance which prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Separated Materials

Separated to the ONE periodical collection:

Coalition for Human Rights, v.1, no.1, September-October 1977

Lesbian & Gay Rights Chapter, June 1986

NAMBLA Bulletin, v.6, no.6, July-August 1985

NAMBLA/LA Newsletter, February 1986, April 1986

The New Day, Dignity Orange County, August 1976 - January 1984 (52 issues)

Orange County Coalition for Human Rights, v.1, no.1, October 1979.

Separated to the ONE pamphlet collection:

National Democratic Policy Committee. A vote for Proposition 64 Could Save the Life of Someone in your Family. 1986.

Separated to the ONE poster collection:

"No 6 Fight Bigotry." Catholics for Human Dignity. Design by Jim Fleck.

"Vote No on Prop. 6, Protect Quality Education. Proteja la Calidad de Educacion. Nov. 7."

"When your rights are on the ballot, get your body into the voting booth. Register to Vote Today. Deadline: October 7." San Franciscans against Proposition 6, Treasurer Tim Sweeney, poster by Rivaldo Pabich Associates.

Separated to the ONE sticker collection:

"Stop Briggs No on 6." No On 6 Committee, San Francisco.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

James (Jim) Boone was a gay rights activist based out of Irvine, California. From 1986-1988, he was a member of Irvine's Committee on Human Rights and of Irvine's Committee to Draft a Human Rights Ordinance, which provided discrimination protection for gay and lesbian people. He was on the advisory board of Irvine Citizens United which battled a repeal effort of Irvine's human rights ordinance in the November 1989 election. In the late 1970s, he was a member of the Coalition for Human Rights in Orange County, and in 1980, was a co-chair of the Citizens Committee for Human Rights in Orange County. He was involved in numerous gay rights causes, including No on 6 (Briggs Initiative, 1978), No on 64 (LaRouche Initiative, 1986), and California Assembly Bill No.1 (to include sexual orientation in anti-discrimination legislation, 1984). He was involved in Dignity and was a board member in 1978. Joseph Bocuzzo was a member of the Citizens Committee for Human Rights in Orange County in 1980 and became treasurer of Irvine Citizens United in 1989. James Boone and Joseph Bocuzzo shared a house in Irvine.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

Related Materials

Lisa Kaye Papers, Coll2013-083, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Gay activists -- California -- Orange County

Gay community

Gay rights -- California

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