
Marcus O'Connell Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Marcus O'Connell Collection

Dates: 1980s-2000

Collection Number: 2005.09

Creator/Collector: Marcus O'Connell

Extent: 13 boxes

Repository: Contra Costa County Historical Society
Martinez, California 94553

Abstract: The Collection consists of papers, reports, newspaper clippings, and audio tapes of public meetings, mostly concerning the environmental impacts of growth in Contra Costa County and the City of Concord.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation

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Biography/Administrative History

Marcus O'Connell, a Concord resident, was a civic watchdog and environmental activist. After O'Connell's death in 2003, his papers and audio tapes were obtained by local historian Dean McLeod, who donated the Collection to the Concord Historical Society in 2005. The Concord Historical Society in turn donated it to the Contra Costa County Historical Society later that year. The Deed of Gift states that nine boxes were donated to CCCHS but there are thirteen boxes in the Collection. Born in Montana, Marcus O'Connell moved to San Francisco in the 1960s and then moved to Concord in 1994. He unsuccessfully ran for Concord City Council in 2000. O'Connell died from cancer in 2003 at the age of 55.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Collection consists of papers, reports, newspaper clippings, and audio tapes of public meetings, mostly concerning the environmental impacts of growth in Contra Costa County and the City of Concord.

Indexing Terms

air quality, conservation, environmental issues, land development, redevelopment, traffic studies

Concord Naval Weapons Station

audio tapes, newspaper clippings,

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