Inventory of the Terry Friedman Papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Terry Friedman Papers
Dates: 1979-1994
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Collection number: LP463
Creator: Terry Friedman, California Legislator
Collection Size: 17.5 cubic feet, including photographs
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California


Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.

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Acquisition and Custodial History
The California State Archives acquired the Terry Friedman papers in a series of three transfers beginning in 1994 and ending in 2010.

Biography
Terry Friedman, Democrat, served in the State Assembly from 1987 to 1994. From 1987 to 1992, Terry Friedman represented the 43rd Assembly District, which included portions of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, the San Fernando Valley, Tarzana, and Van Nuys. In 1992, Friedman was elected to the redistricted 41st district, which included Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Santa Monica, Westlake Village, Encino, Tarzana and Woodland Hills.
Friedman was born in Pasadena, California, on September 14, 1949. He attended University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies in 1971. He earned his Juris Doctor from Boalt Hall
School of Law at University of California, Berkeley in 1976. Prior to his work in the Assembly, Friedman worked in Los Angeles as a staff attorney for Western Center for Law and Poverty, and as the executive director of Bet Tzedek Legal Services. Under his leadership at Bet Tzedek, Friedman oversaw a landmark case involving Holocaust victim reparations. He served as an adjunct professor at UCLA School of Law from 1981 to 1986, and at the University of Southern California Law Center from 1984 to 1986. Friedman and his wife, Elise Karl, have one daughter.

Friedman's interest in political issues predates his election to the California State Assembly. He served as the state president of the California Federation of Young Democrats in 1971 and as the chair of the California State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administration from 1984 to 1985.

Terry Friedman was elected to the State Assembly in 1986. His legislative interests were varied and included employment discrimination, access to health care, worker safety, education, and environmental issues. Friedman did not seek re-election in 1994 and instead entered the race for Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. After winning that election, he served as a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge until 2009.


In addition to his professional duties, Friedman received numerous awards: Public Service Award, Western Center on Law and Poverty, 1993; Public Service Award for Excellence, UCLA Alumni Association, 1990; and Judge of the Year, Juvenile Court Judges of California, 2001. He was named Legislator of the Year by the California National Organization for Women, the Planning and Conservation League, and the California Abortion Rights Action League.

Scope and Content


The Sexual Orientation Discrimination Files focus on gay rights bills authored by Friedman, including AB101 and AB2601 (1991-1992), and sexual orientation discrimination within employment and housing. Within this series are press clippings, constituent and legislative correspondence, and related legislative measures.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Discrimination - California
Environmental protection - California
Gun control
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights
Series 1 Bill Files 1987-1994

Physical Description: 189 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note
Bill files were created by Terry Friedman while he served as an Assembly Member from 1987 to 1994. The files may include bill analyses, amendments, resolutions, author statements, testimonies, press releases, letters of support and opposition, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements that pertain to numerous issues of concern to Friedman.


1989-1990: AB84-AB4088, ACR49-ACR89, HR41 (48ff) LP463:56-103

Series 2 Subject Files 1979-1994

Physical Description: 86 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by subject title.

Scope and Content Note
Subject Files include press and news clippings, correspondence, support letters, bill analyses, local government reports, and/or interest group memoranda regarding topics at local, state, and federal level, as well as Friedman's personal interests. The topics addressed cover a broad spectrum of issues such as gun control, toxic waste disposal, gay rights, work safety measures, and Israeli-American affairs.

For a complete list of subject headings, see Appendix A in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information
Appendix A: List of Subject Files

Series 3 Press Clipping Files 1986-1994

Physical Description: 29 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by subject heading, then chronologically by date of publication.

Scope and Content Note
Press Clippings Files include articles related to bills authored by Terry Friedman, Friedman's political interests, and editorials written by Friedman. Articles are primarily derived from newspaper clippings, along with scholarly publications and professional journals. The scope of the articles pertains to Friedman's political interests, including gay rights, environmentalism, and the State of Israel.
Series 4 Sexual Orientation Discrimination Files 1983-1992

Physical Description: 33 file folders
Arrangement
Arranged with AB101 files first, followed by AB2601 files, and then legal case files, which are arranged roughly in alphabetical order by case name.

Scope and Content Note
Sexual Orientation Discrimination Files are focused on sexual orientation discrimination for employment and housing. The files include press and news clippings, legal case files, correspondence, support letters, bill analyses, personnel policy reports, local government reports and/or interest group memoranda regarding the AB101 (1991-1992) and AB2601 (1991-1992).

Series 5 Campaign Files 1986-1994

Physical Description: 49 file folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by election year, and alphabetically by subject heading thereunder.

Scope and Content Note
Campaign Files include records of Friedman's election campaigns for Los Angeles City Attorney, the California Assembly, and the Los Angeles Superior Court. The files include records of campaign strategies, political contribution statistics, nomination documents, correspondence, and campaign memorabilia.

Series 6 Hearing Files 1989-1990

Physical Description: 4 file folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Scope and Content Note
Hearing Files contain agendas, transcripts, background reports, testimonies, and meeting minutes for three separate Assembly Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health and Welfare hearings, occurring under Friedman's chairmanship. Hearings address cleanup operations and radioactive contamination issues at Rockwell International's Rocketdyne site in the Simi Hills, a proposal for the restoration of family planning funds cut by the 1989-1990 Budget Act, and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

10/16/1989: Informational Hearing on Santa Susana Field Laboratory (Rockwell International - Rocketdyne Division), Van Nuys (1ff) LP463:387
11/15/1990: Sexual Orientation Discrimination in Employment, Housing and other Human Services, West Hollywood (1ff) LP463:390

Series 7 Photographs 1987-1994

Physical Description: 1 file folder
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by date.

Scope and Content Note
This series includes photographs and negatives of Terry Friedman during his Assembly term. Included in this series are photographs of fundraising and political events, along with bill signing photographs with former Governor Pete Wilson.