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Descriptive Summary

Title: Carole Migden Papers
Dates: 1995-2008
Collection number: LP433
Creator: Carole Migden, California Legislator
Collection Size: 18 cubic feet
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California

Abstract: The Carole Migden Papers consist of 18 cubic feet of textual records and audio/visual materials and cover the years 1996-2008. The records are organized into three record series: Bill Files, 1995-2002, 2005-2008; Subject Files, 1995-2002; Budget Files, 1998-2001. Bill Files are the bulk of the collection and are a strong source of information about legislation that Carole Migden introduced. These legislative documents demonstrate Migden's activism for local San Francisco District issues as well as issues concerning the State of California on a broader scale. The Subject Files are also strong in that they represent more of Migden's personal and political interests toward the San Francisco District while serving in the Assembly. There is a particular legislative emphasis on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender rights as well as health safety regulations and healthcare services, including those regarding HIV/AIDS, in both the Bill and Subject Files. Researchers looking to review San Francisco District topics will particularly benefit from the Subject Files, which contain documents that include information about local education issues, ports and marinas issues, and issues regarding earthquake hazards and hazard prevention. Bill Files also have information about the San Francisco Child Care Pilot Program (SB701, 2005-2006) and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SB987, 2005-2006).

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 Carole Migden Papers following her final term in the State Legislature.

Biography
Carole Migden, Democrat, served in the California Legislature from 1996 to 2008. She was first elected to the California State Assembly, replacing Assembly Member Willie Brown through a special election on March 26, 1996. She represented in the 13th Assembly District through 2002. The district covered the eastern half of San Francisco County. In 2005, Migden was elected to the California State Senate to represent the 3rd Senate District, which included parts of San Francisco County, Sonoma County, and Marin County. Migden served in this position through 2008.

Carole Migden was born on August 14, 1948, in New York City, New York. She graduated with a B.A. in English Literature from Adelphi University in 1970 and with an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Sonoma State University in 1976. When she was elected, Assembly Member Migden was one of few openly lesbian members of the Legislature. During her time as an Assembly Member, Migden authored a law that allowed gay and lesbian couples to register as domestic partners and to have some of the rights that are typically granted of married couples. In 2004, Migden married her life partner, Christina Arguedas, but the marriage, among many others, was later voided by the California Supreme Court.

As a State Legislator, Migden's legislative interests were varied, but her main efforts focused on LGBT rights, healthcare, education, environment, and welfare. She authored legislation to create California's domestic partner registry, promote children's health, preserve the old growth Headwaters Forest, increase accountability in K-12 schools, protect borrowers from predatory and deceptive lending practices, protect consumers from manipulation by energy generators, and promote the use of emergency contraception.

During her term in the Legislature, Peter Chacon was a member of the following committees:

**Standing Committees**
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Infrastructure Finance, 1999-2000
- Banking and Finance, 2001-2002
- Board of Equalization, 2002-2004
- Committee on Appropriations, 2001-2002 (Chair, 2001-2002)
- Chair, 2001-2002
- Labor and Employment, 1999-2002
- Natural Resources, 1997-2002
- Public Employment, 1997-2002
- Retirement and Social Security, 1997-2002

**Select Committees**
- Bay Area Wetland and Coastal Woodland Preservation, 2001-2002 (Chair, 2001-2002)
- Chair, 2001-2002
- California Horse Racing, 1999-2000
- California Ports, 1999-2000
- Coastal Protection, 1999-2002
- Professional Sports, 1997-1998
- Highway Patrol, 2001-2002
- Palliative Care, 1997-1998 (Chair, 1997-1998)
- Chair, 1997-1998
- Chair, 2001-2002

**Joint Committees**
- Committee on Headwaters Forest and Ecosystem Management Planning, 1997-1998 (Chair, 1997-1998)
- Chair, 1997-1998
- Joint Legislative Budget, 1997-2002
- California State Senate, 2005-2008

**Standing Committees**
- Committee on Appropriations, 2005-2006 (Chair 2005-2006)
- Chair, 2005-2006
- Democratic National Committee, 2005-2008
Labor and Industrial Relations, 2007-2008 (Chair, 2007-2008)
Chair, 2007-2008
Natural Resources and Water, 2005-2008
Public Employment and Retirement, 2007-2008
Public Safety, 2005-2006
Select Committees
Bay Area Infrastructure, 2005-2006
California's Horse Racing Industry, 2005-2006
California's Wine Industry, 2005-2008
Food-borne Illness, 2007-2008

Scope and Content

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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Carole Migden
California. Legislature. Assembly
California. Legislature. Senate
California. Legislature. Assembly. Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights
Physical Description: 317 file folders, 3 videocassettes, 4 CDs, 1 DVD

Access Information

Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Arrangement

Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session and numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill Files were created by Carole Migden while she served as a state assembly member from 1996-2002 and senator from 2005-2008. The files may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements that pertain to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues, HIV/AIDS issues, healthcare, welfare, education, underage drinking, and animal rights.

The Bill Files document Migden's legislative activity during her terms as a member of the California State Legislature. As an Assembly Member and Senator, Migden introduced several bills dedicated to some of the pressing issues among her constituency in San Francisco as well as devoting her time to major issues facing California.

As a major advocate for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) rights, Migden introduced several bills that have protected and promoted these individuals' rights. While an Assembly Member, she passed AB26 in 1999, which provided benefits to gay and lesbian partners and marked the first time in the nation that a state legislature passed a domestic partnership statute without forcible intervention of the courts. Later, as member of the Senate in 2005-2006, Migden introduced legislation that legalized the transfer of property between gay and lesbian domestic partners without reassessment for tax purposes (SB565), and provided for the filing of domestic partner income-tax returns under the same status as married couples (SB1827). Migden also passed SB1729 (of the 2007-2008 session), which benefits LGBT seniors by requiring licensed health professionals who have constant interaction with seniors in nursing homes and senior care facilities to receive training to better understand how to foster an environment that is free from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Other issues that Migden addressed during her time as an Assembly member included health and wellness as well as health safety. For instance, authored legislation in 2001-2002 has protected health care workers from needle injuries (AB1046) and provided rapid HIV testing (AB1263). Also in 2002, Migden authored legislation that required the State of California to provide information regarding the “morning after” contraception option to female victims of sexual assault (AB1860). Other bills that concerned the improvement of health care and health safety of HIV/AIDS issues, such as testing, reporting, and maintaining public health (AB1099, 1997-1998 and AB103, 1999-2000) in addition to bills pertaining to phlebotomy regulations (AB1557, 1997-1998 and SB169, 2005-2006), influenza vaccines (SB1220, 2005-2006), blood transfusions (SB102, 2007-2008), and general access to health care (SB141, 2005-2006 and SB764, SB1098, SB1132, and SJR20, 2007-2008).


1997-1998: AB20-AB2693; HR7-HR50 (LP433:8-59)
1999-2000: AB26-AB2551 (LP433:60-130)
2001-2002: AB25-AB2925; ACR213; AB9XX-AB82XX (LP433:131-209)
2007-2008: SB11-SB1729; SCR87; SJR1-SJR20; SR18-5R33 (LP433:261-317)
Series 2 Budget Files 1998-2001

Physical Description: 8 file folders

Arrangement
Budget Files are arranged chronologically by legislative session.

Scope and Content Note
Budget Files include request forms from Assembly Member Carole Migden to the Assembly Budget Committee for the improvement of Parks and Recreation services throughout the San Francisco District, including memorials and beautification projects. Also included are letters of support and need for funding that range from educational resources to ports and harbors issues.

Series 3 Subject Files 1995-2002

Physical Description: 93 file folders

Arrangement
Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Scope and Content Note
Subject Files include press and news clippings, correspondence, support letters, committee analyses, and interest group memoranda regarding certain subject files at the local, state and federal levels. Migden was a primary supporter for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights, and the files include further documentation of this support outside the bill files. The files also include reports and other materials relating to education and the environment, in addition to statewide issues, such as medical assistance, child abuse and neglect, education development and higher education opportunities, and San Francisco District issues, including bay area toll bridges, conservation and development, and the Potrero Power Plant.

For a list of subject headings see Appendix A at the California State Archives.