Descriptive Summary
Title: Harry Britt Papers
Collection Number: GLC 154
Creator/Collector: Britt, Harry, 1938-.
Extent: 23 cubic feet (23 boxes), 2 oversized flat boxes
Repository: San Francisco Public Library. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center
San Francisco, California 94102
Abstract: The papers contain correspondence, subject / issue files, press coverage and clippings, budgets, campaign materials, photographs, and other ephemera of Harry Britt, a political activist and a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (1979-1993).
Language of Material: English
Access
The collection is available for use during San Francisco History Center hours. It is unprocessed; please consult inventory to request boxes.
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Acquisition Information
Donated by Harry Britt, 1995.
Biography/Administrative History
Harry Britt (born June 8, 1938) is a political activist and former member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Openly gay, he was appointed to complete the term of slain supervisor Harvey Milk, and ran for a seat on the board for many years after. Britt served from January 1979 until January 1993. He introduced domestic partnership legislation in 1982 which was passed by the Board but vetoed by Mayor Feinstein. He reintroduced domestic partnership legislation in 1989 which was signed by Mayor Agnos but repealed by a ballot initiative. Britt authored a modified initiative, Proposition K, for the legislation which the voters did pass.
Scope and Content of Collection
The papers contain correspondence, subject / issue files, press coverage and clippings, budgets, campaign materials, photographs, and other ephemera. Some of the major issues addressed include domestic partnership, AIDS care and prevention, and the administration of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program funding. There are several files on the Commission on the Status of Women, the Lesbian / Gay Caucus, and democratic associations in San Francisco and California.
Indexing Terms
Domestic partner benefits--California--San Francisco.
Gay couples--Legal status, laws, etc.--California--San Francisco.
Lesbian couples--Legal status, laws, etc.--California--San Francisco.
Unmarried couples--Legal status, laws, etc.--California--San Francisco.
Britt, Harry, 1938-.--Archives.
San Francisco (Calif.)--Politics and government--20th century.
Collection inventory