San Francisco Office of the Assessor-Recorder Same-Sex Marriage Licenses, 2004

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Acquisition Information


Biography/Administrative History

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom declared same-sex marriage legal on Feb. 11, 2004. Nearly 4000 licenses were issued by Assessor-Recorder Mabel Teng until March 11, 2004, when the California Supreme Court halted the marriages. On Aug 12, 2004, the Court invalidated the unions. However, the same court overturned the state's ban on gay marriage on May 15, 2008, making California only the second state (after Massachusetts) to allow same-sex marriages. That November, voters passed Proposition 8, a state constitutional amendment reinstating the ban. Same-sex marriage advocates sued the state of California. On June 26, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a lower court's ruling to strike down the ban, legalizing same-sex marriages. Two days later, the Appeals Court announced that same-sex marriages could resume.

Scope and Content

Same-sex marriage licenses issued in San Francisco from Feb. 12, 2004 to March 11, 2004 and later invalidated. Includes a list of applicants, organized in alphabetical order by first name of the first applicant listed on the license. List has both local registration numbers and license numbers. Box 1 has LRNs ending 0462-1861; Box 2 has LRNs ending 1862-3168; Box 3 has LRNs ending 3170-4731.

Arrangement

Documents organized in sequential order of local registration numbers, as issued.

Indexing Terms

Same-sex marriage--California--San Francisco.
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