Finding Aid to the San Francisco Nuclear Freeze Campaign Records 1975-1989
SFH 598

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Abstract: San Francisco Chapter of Californians for a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze movement (San Francisco Nuclear Weapons Freeze or "SF Freeze") was a volunteer political organization that advocated "freezing" and reversing the production of nuclear arms. SF Freeze engaged in a campaign to inform the public about its beliefs - and support for Proposition 12, The Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze - through peaceful demonstrations and protests. Proposition 12 passed on the California ballot in 1982.

Physical Location: The collection is stored off-site.

Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.

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Provenance
Donated to the library by the San Francisco Nuclear Freeze Campaign in May, 1998.

Administrative History
San Francisco Chapter of Californians for a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze movement or (San Francisco Nuclear Weapons Freeze) was a volunteer political organization that advocated "freezing" and reversing the production of nuclear arms. The Freeze supported in a simple, clear statement calling on both the United States and Soviet Union to stop the testing, production and installation of nuclear weapons in a way that could be verified by both sides. The organization engaged in a campaign to inform the public about its beliefs. In 1982 The Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze (Proposition 12) was on the ballot in eight other states and the District of Columbia.

Scope and Contents
The collection contains scrapbooks, photographs, posters, campaign materials, buttons, arm bands, t-shirts, and a jacket. Scrapbooks contain clippings from published newspapers and magazines, flyers and materials from San Francisco Nuclear Freeze, California Freeze, Bernal Heights Freeze and other Nuclear Freeze groups. Scrapbooks prior to April-June 1981 only contain clippings, they do not contain SF Freeze documents. SF Freeze materials are contained in the Freeze Resource Sample Books (1981-1985). After 1981, scrapbooks contain both clippings, meeting agendas, flyers and brochures. The collection does not contain SF Freeze by-laws, agendas or member lists.

Arrangement

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Antinuclear movement -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area.
Demonstrations
Demonstrations -- California -- Livermore
Nuclear disarmament -- United States -- History
Series 1 Resource Materials 1975-1989
Scope and Contents
Resource materials are bound in scrapbooks and arranged by date. Materials include SF Freeze, and other nuclear freeze groups: flyers, brochures, meeting minutes, newspaper and magazine clippings. Subjects include national, statewide and local nuclear war protests. Demonstrations include clippings for Livermore, Santa Rita Jail, and Diablo Canyon.

box 1 Arms Freeze Handbook 1982
box 1 Freeze Resource Sample Book 1981-1985
box 1 1975-1981
box 2 1981-1982
box 3 1982-1983
box 4 1983-1984
box 5 1984-1985
box 6 1985-1986
box 7 1986-1987
box 8 1987-1989

Series 2 Serials 1981-1984

box 1, folder 1 It's About Times 1981-1984

Series 3 Audio Cassettes 1981-1986

box 9 Give Peace a Dance 1986
box 9 Tape for Freeze House Parties 1981-1982

Series 4 Artifacts Circa 1981-Circa 1985

box 9 Buttons
box 9 T-shirts
box 9 Jacket
box 9 Arm Bands

Series 5 Posters and Flyers Circa 1981-Circa 1985
Scope and Contents
Posters show images promoting Proposition 12 and protesting nuclear war.

box 10, folder 1-5 Posters and Flyers Circa 1981-Circa 1985
Scope and Contents
Posters contain both original artwork, printed posters and flyers. Original artwork was produced in competition to find an original image for an election poster to promote the Freeze Initiative (Proposition 12) on the California ballot.

drawer 3 Oversized Posters
Oversized folder shelved in M43 flat files drawer 3.
Scope and Contents
Contains two posters protesting nuclear war. One of a cityscape and the other of an abstract hand.

Series 6 Photos 1981-1987
Arrangement
Photographs are arranged by date in three photo albums.
Scope and Contents
Photos contain images of people protesting nuclear war.
1981-1982

Scope and Contents

1982-1985

Scope and Contents

1985-1987

Scope and Contents