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## **Finding Aid to the T.J. Anthony Papers, SFH 388**

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**Title:** T.J. Anthony Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1980-1996

**Identifier/Call Number:** SFH 388

**Creator:** Anthony, T.J. (Thesoloniki Richard), 1959-1996

**Physical Description:** 1 carton, 1 oversized folder, 1 flat box(2.0 cubic feet)

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**Abstract:** Contains personal papers of T.J. Anthony, a gay activist who worked on social justice issues and shaped much of San Francisco's political agenda of the 1990s.

**Physical Location:** The collection is stored on site.

**Language of Materials:** Collection materials are in English.

**Access**

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**Provenance**

The collection was donated to the San Francisco Public Library by Tab Buckner in 1997.

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**Biographical Note**

T.J. Anthony was a gay activist who worked on social justice issues and shaped much of San Francisco's political agenda of the 1990s. Born in Michigan and named Thesoloniki Richard, Anthony was raised in foster homes. He said his personal experiences drove his commitment to help those less fortunate. He served as an aide to U.S. Senator Don Riegle of Michigan. He later worked as a political consultant and was instrumental in passing the city's Casatrophic Sick Leave Program and Needle Exchange Policy. He also authored 1993's Proposition X which eliminated city officeholder accounts. He was an aide to Supervisors Richard Hongisto and Barbara Kaufman. Anthony worked with Kaufman on the city's recognition of same-gender marriage; non-compliance with state Proposition 187, the anti-immigrant law; and the new City Charter. He advocated for women's reproductive choice and the state of Israel, and worked to defeat Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Anthony died in 1996.

**Scope and Contents**

Contains personal papers of T.J. Anthony. Includes letters, policy papers, campaign questionnaires, newsletters, political flyers, and U.S. Senate hearing transcripts. Of significance is a typescript copy of the preface to Mary C. Dunlap's unpublished book, Fighting Words, Mending Words. Also included are white papers from Richard Hongisto's 1991 campaign for mayor.

**Arrangement**

Organized alphabetically by topic.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Anthony, T.J. (Thesoloniki), 1959-1996--Archives.

San Francisco (Calif.)--Politics and government--20th century.

San Francisco (Calif.)--Social conditions--20th century.

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**AIDS/HIV Research Funding, 1988-1991**

**Aguilar, Judge Robert P., 1990**

**Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, 1988-1991**

**Bork, Robert, Supreme Court Nominee, 1987**

**Brown, Willie L., 1995-1996**

**Bush, President George, 1990-1991**

**California Democratic Party, 1989-1993**

**Israel Resolution, 1993**

**Charter Reform, 1992-1995**

**Death Penalty, [1999]**

**Democratic County Central Committee, 1995-1996**

**Donations and Campaign Acknowledgements, 1990-1996**

**Dunlap, Mary C., 1988-1996**

**Election Results, 1990-1991**

**Fa, Angie, School Board Campaign, 1992**

**Feminist Men's Alliance, 1987-1988**

**Gay Rights, 1987-1993**

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**Guest Book, Various Events, 1997-1998**

**Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club, 1990-1995**

**Homeless, [1990?]**

**Hongisto, Richard, Assessor Campaign, 1990**

**Hongisto, Richard, Mayoral Campaign, 1991**

**Israel, 1991-1995**

**Johnston, Bennett, Congressional Campaign, 1991-1992**

**Jordan, Mayor Frank, [1991]-1992**

**Kaufman, Barbara, Supervisorial Campaigns, 1992-1995**

**Men Who Care About Women's Lives, 1989-1990**

**Needle Exchange Legislation, 1992**

**Personal Documents, 1987-1997**

**Photographs, [1990s]**

**Political Buttons, [1980s-1990s]**

**Political Flyers, [1980s-1990s]**

**Proposition 187 (Services to Non-citizens), 1994**

**Proposition W (Recognition of Palestine), 1988**

**Proposition X (Slush Funds Band), 1982-1983**

**Reproductive Rights, 1989-1990**

**Riegle, Sen. Donald, 1980**

**Walker, Vaughn R., Federal District Court Nominee, 1988-1989**