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Title: Manhattan Beach Residents Association Collection
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Date (inclusive): 1988-2012; undated
Abstract: This collection includes flyers, pamphlets, correspondence, meeting notes, articles, and other documents related to the Manhattan Beach Residents Association (MBRA). Also included in this collection are issues of the MBRA publication, "The Observer". Subjects include association engagement with members to raise awareness about local issues since its early establishment in 1988.
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
The Manhattan Beach Residents Association Collection (1988-2012; undated) contains .63 linear feet of flyers, pamphlets, correspondence, meeting notes, articles, news clippings, and other documents related to the Manhattan Beach Residents Association (MBRA). Also included in this collection are issues of the MBRA publication, "The Observer". Material in this collection relate to local government issues regarding Manhattan Beach including various city projects, disputes, work plans, and other concerns.
Biographical / Historical
The Manhattan Beach Resident Association (MBRA) is an all-volunteer organization formed circa 1988 that aims to "preserve the residential character and quality of our unique neighborhoods, promote local businesses, advocate for local schools, and increase broader participation in City government." The organization engages with residents through their monthly publication, "The Observer", as well as through correspondence and meetings.
Sources: "Our Objectives" MBRA, www.manhattanbeachresidentsassociation.org/our-objectives
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Manhattan Beach (Calif.)
Local government--California

box 1, folder 1 Document by Lillian Light on nuclear power undated
box 1, Folder 2 Notes regarding the "Observer", strategic planning, member information, and others undated
box 1, Folder 3 News clipping entitled "Public Partnership to Build Park at TRW" by John Tawa October 7, 1999
box 1, folder 4 "Daily Breeze" news clipping entitled "Court reinstates MB harassment suit" regarding Manhattan Beach Police Department hostile workplace environment suit against officers who are gay or perceived as gay October 2, 2004
box 1, folder 5 CD "East MB, West MB" undated
box 1, folder 6 Correspondence from MBRA to Mr. Wieseman undated
box 1, folder 7 Publications, personal notes, and advertisements approximately 2006 - 2016
box 1, folder 9  Correspondence from MBRA to member 2001-2003; undated
box 1, folder 10  Correspondence in regards to Police and Fire Facility Construction Project 2006
box 1, folder 11  Document entitled “The swelling McMansion Backlash” April 2006
box 1, folder 12  Documents and articles pertaining to Edison under grown utility project July - August 2006; undated
box 1, folder 14  Article entitled “Just When I thought I was Out They Pulled Me Back In Again” By Chuck Harris June 2007
box 1, folder 15  Los Angeles District Attorney Office Bureau of Fraud and Corruption Prosecutions Public Integrity Division inquiry to the Honorable Board of Trustees Manhattan Beach School District regarding allegations of Brown Act violations October 2007
box 1, folder 16  Correspondence from Manhattan Beach City Hall to “Strand Resident” pertaining to standard garden inspections 2008
box 1, folder 17  Work planning meeting status of carry over items from 2008 - 2009 work plan 2009
box 1, folder 19  Correspondence pertaining to alcohol licences for Centennial Ball on the public beach 2011
box 1, Folder 20  Correspondence from Richard O. Storm to Manhattan Beach City Council in regards to bike lane plan and remarks by council member Montgomery October 2011
box 1, Folder 21  Correspondence from Frank Wattles to Parking and Public Improvements Council on appeal to the encroachment of Yucca trees on public walk street December 1, 2011
box 1, Folder 22  Pamphlets, speech, memorandum of events 2012
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Missing V.6-No.12; Missing V. 7-No.2-12

box 2, Folder 5  The Observer, Vol. 4, No. 1-5; Vol. 5, No. 1-4; Vol. 6, No. 1-6 February 2004- December 2006
box 2, folder 6  The Observer, Vol. 7, No. 1-4; Vol. 8, No. 1-4; Vol. 9, No. 1-5; Vol. 10, No. 1 February 2007- December 2010
box 2, folder 7  The Observer, Vol. 10, No. 2--4; Vol. 11, No. 1-4; Vol. 12, No. 1-5; Vol. 13, No. 1-4 May 2010- November 2013
box 2, folder 9  The Observer, Vol 15, No. 1-5; Vol. 16, No.1-2; Vol. 17, No. 1-2 January 2015- August 2017