Bay Area March on Washington Committee records

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**Descriptive Summary**

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**Abstract:** The Bay Area March on Washington Committee met for many months before the March to organize a Bay Area contingent. The records cover the period from 1986 to 1987 and consists of letters to and from those interested in attending the march, meeting minutes, flyers, newspaper clippings and photographs.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access**
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**Biography/Administrative History**
The Bay Area March on Washington Committee was organized to make sure that there would be a San Francisco presence at the Washington March from October 9th to 13th, 1987. The Committee decided that it would back the goals and demands of the national group, these included: 1) The legal recognition of lesbian and gay couples.; 2) the repeal of all laws that make sodomy between consenting adults a crime; 3) a ban on anti-gay discrimination by the federal government; 4) passage of the congressional lesbian and gay rights bill; 5) an end to discrimination against people with AIDS and people perceived to have AIDS; 6) a massive increase in funding for AIDS education, treatment and research, with these monies to come out of the defense budget; 7) the right to reproductive freedom, an end to sexism, and the right to practice our sexuality freely; 8) an end to sexism in the U.S. and racism in South Africa. In addition to the eight demands that the national group focused on, the Bay Area group also chose to include issues of youth, senior gays and lesbians, groups with special physical needs, the S/M-leather community, the transgendered community, and the bisexual community.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
The Bay Area March on Washington Committee met for many months before the March to organize a Bay Area contingent. The records cover the period from 1986 to 1987 and consists of letters to and from those interested in attending the march, arranged alphabetically. The History folder follows which consists mainly of proceedings of the organizing conference, national and local demands and the structure of the BAMOW. The Minutes folder consists of meeting info, minutes and agendas all in chronological order. There is the Flyers folder in chronological order and one folder of newspaper clippings. Finally, there is a folder of photographs (color snapshots). See also the National March On Washington Committee for Lesbian and Gay Rights National records (1991-32)

**Indexing Terms**
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