San Francisco Bike Messenger Association Records

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Location: Collection is available onsite.

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Biographical Note
San Francisco Bike Messenger Association was established in 1991 with the purpose of increasing incomes, securing employer paid health insurance, implementing work safety programs, establishing a pension for retired workers, and promoting the status of the messenger profession. SFBMA eventually sought union organization and formed an alliance with the International Longshoremen and Warehouse Union, Local 6 (2000-2001), enabling employees to fight for benefits due by employers and address wage and overtime violations.

Scope and Contents
Collection contains documents related to the organizing of bike messengers employed by Dispatch Management Services Corporation (DMS), Flash Messenger Service, and Ultra Ex by the San Francisco Bike Messenger Association (SFBMA) and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU). Material includes worker and union leaflets related to organizing and the strike, bike messenger newsletters, newspaper clippings, employer correspondence and documents, and contracts.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Bicycle messengers -- California -- San Francisco.
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Dispatch Management Services Corporation

Strike 1999-2001
- Clippings 2000-2001
- Company information 1998-2000, undated
- Memoranda 1999-2000
- Newsletters, leaflets 1999-2000
- Organizing and strike materials 1999-2001

- Flash Messenger Service Strike 2001
  - Leaflets, flyers circa 2001
  - Strike materials 2001, undated

- Ultra Ex organizing by ILWU Local 6 1999-2002
  - Clippings 1999-2001
  - Leaflets, flyers 1999, undated
  - Newsletters 1999-2002
  - Organizing materials 1999-2001

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