
San Francisco Bike Messenger Association Records

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Location: Collection is available onsite.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English.

Availability

Collection is open for research.

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Arrangement

Collection arranged as received.

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.

box 1, folder 1
box 1, folder 2
box 1, folder 3
box 1, folder 4
box 1, folder 5

box 1, folder 6
box 1, folder 7

box 1, folder 8
box 1, folder 9
box 1, folder 10
box 1, folder 11

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

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