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## **Guide to the Patricia Callahan Files on Orange County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Activism**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Patricia Callahan files on Orange County lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender activism

**Date:** 1965-2005,

**Date (bulk):** bulk 1985-1993

**Collection Number:** MS-R119

**Creator:** Callahan, Patricia A.

**Extent:** 3.5 linear feet (10 boxes)

**Languages:** The collection is in English.

**Repository:** University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.  
Irvine, California 92623-9557

**Abstract:** This collection primarily documents AIDS, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender activism in Orange County, California circa 1985-2005, including material on the Elections Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO), Laguna Outreach, and the No on 64 Campaign. The bulk of the collection consists of Patricia Callahan's subject files.

### **Access**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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For the benefit of current and future researchers, please cite any additional information about sources consulted in this collection, including permanent URLs, item or folder descriptions, and box/folder locations.

### **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Barbara Muirhead and Dick Hitt of the Orange County LGBT Historical Timeline Project in 2003, 2004, and 2008.

### **Custodial History**

The files were donated to the Orange County LGBT Historical Timeline Project by Patricia Callahan and later given to Special Collections and Archives by Barbara Muirhead and Dick Hitt. Some of the files belonged to Don Hagan and Drew Barras and were given to Patricia Callahan before they passed away.

### **Processing History**

Processed by Joanna Lamb, 2009

### **Historical Background**

Patricia Callahan was an AIDS activist and leader in the LGBT community in Orange County, California during the late 1980s and early 1990s. She contributed to a number of organizations, committees, and conferences that supported gay and lesbian rights and AIDS awareness and education including: the Election Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO), Laguna Outreach, The Human Rights Campaign Fund, and The Federation. Through her work with ECCO, Callahan lobbied and campaigned on issues directly affecting the LGBT community and people with HIV/AIDS. As of 2009, Callahan was living in Laguna Beach, California.

Don Hagan and Drew Barras, also leaders in the Orange County LGBT community, worked with Patricia Callahan on a number of projects and campaigns. The two men, a physician and veterinarian, were committed to gay and lesbian rights and AIDS awareness and education. On April 1, 1989 the doctors were honored by San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos for their activist work on behalf of people with AIDS. Don Hagan died in 1992 from an AIDS related illness.

### **Collection Scope and Content Summary**

This collection primarily documents AIDS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender activism in Orange County, California circa 1985-2005 including material on the Elections Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO), Laguna Outreach, and the No on 64 Campaign. The bulk of the collection consists of Patricia Callahan's subject files, which include materials she collected as co-chair of Election Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO), one of California largest political action committees. The subject files also include correspondence, campaign, and lobbying materials from Callahan's involvement with the "No on 64" campaign, which successfully fought to prevent the quarantine of AIDS/HIV patients; the California Assembly Bill 101 campaign to add "sexual orientation" to the list of protected categories in the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; and the City of Irvine's Human Rights Ordinance, which included the term "sexual orientation" in an

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anti-discrimination ordinance. Additionally, the collection includes correspondence, research, news clippings and awards collected by Don Hagan and Drew Barras related to AIDS activism.

Materials include correspondence publications, news clippings, newsletters, brochures, articles, pamphlets, directories, a catalog, 2 videocassettes (VHS), printed ephemera, agendas, minutes, memorial materials, and photographic prints.

#### **Collection Arrangement**

This collection is arranged in 3 series.

Series 1. Patricia Callahan's subject files, 1984-2002. 2.10 linear feet

Series 2. ECCO scrapbook, 1985-2005, .2 linear feet

Series 3. Don Hagan and Drew Barras' subject files, 1965-1991. .5 linear feet

#### **Processing Note**

Duplicates and news clippings unrelated to Orange County were not retained.

#### **Related Collections**

Related materials can be found in the following collections:

Orange County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Timeline research files. MS-R105. Special Collections and Archives, The UC Irvine Libraries, Irvine, California.

Thomas J. Peterson Collection on the Elections Committee of the County of Orange. MS-R125. Special Collections and Archives, The UC Irvine Libraries, Irvine, California.

#### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

#### **Subjects**

AIDS activists -- California -- Orange County -- Archives

Barras, Drew - Archives

California, Proposition 64 (1986) -- Archives

Callahan, Patricia A. - Archives

Dannemeyer, William - Archives

Gay rights -- California -- Orange County -- Archives

Hagan, Don - Archives

#### **Genres and Formats of Materials**

Ephemera -- California -- Orange County -- Irvine -- 20th century.

Letters -- California -- Orange County -- 20th century.

Newsletters -- California -- Orange County -- 20th century.

Videotapes -- California -- Orange County -- 20th century.

Fliers -- 20th century

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#### Series 1. **Patricia Callahan's subject files 1984-2002**

**Physical Description:** 2.10 linear feet

##### **Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series consists of Callahan's subject files, including articles, correspondence, newsletters, agendas, minutes, financial records, directories, reports, 2 videocassettes (VHS), advertisements, brochures, and other printed ephemera she collected as an activist for LGBT and AIDS related causes in Orange County California during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

##### **Arrangement**

The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box : Folder 1 : 1

Box : Folder 1 : 2

Box : Folder 1 : 3

Box : Folder 1 : 4

**39 th Congressional District Precinct report 1986**

**AIDS confidentiality materials 1985-1986**

**AIDS legislative and election materials 1986**

**AIDS Services Foundation Orange County annual report 2002**

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| Box : Folder 1 :<br>5-6  | <b>Assembly Bill 101 materials 1986, 1989-1992 undated</b><br><b>Scope and Content Note</b><br>Includes agendas, handouts, clippings, memoranda, newsletters, and other campaign related materials.  |
| Box : Folder AV12<br>: C001-A  | <b>AB101 - The Time is Now!! undated</b><br><b>Archival Original undated</b><br><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 videocassette (VHS)<br><b>Access Information</b><br>Access to archival original is restricted; researchers must request a viewing copy be made  |
| Box : Folder 1 : 7<br>Box : Folder 1 : 8   | <b>ACLU newsletters, correspondence, and other materials 1986</b><br><b>Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence: Implementation Task Force Progress Report 1987</b>   |
| Box : Folder 8 : 2<br>Box : Folder 1 :<br>9-10   | <b>Bird, Rose: News clippings and ephemera 1985</b><br><b>California Statewide AIDS Conference materials 1986</b><br><b>Scope and Content Note</b><br>Includes agendas, clippings, committee and attendance lists, and research materials with the conference packet.  |
| Box : Folder 1 : 11  | <b>The Center Dinner honoring Dr. Drew Barras and Dr. Don Hagan: planning notes, agendas and other materials 1989 April</b>  |
| Box : Folder 1 : 12<br>Box : Folder 2 : 1  | <b>Christian publications and fundraising correspondence 1986-1987</b><br><b>Directory of LGBT establishments Undated</b><br><b>ECCO records 1984-1991</b>   |
| Box : Folder 2 : 2<br>Box : Folder 2 : 3<br>Box : Folder 2 : 4<br>Box : Folder 2 : 5<br>Box : Folder 2 : 6<br>Box : Folder 2 : 7<br>Box : Folder 2 :<br>8-9  | <b>Board members directory, correspondence, and ephemera 1986-1991</b><br><b>Dinner agenda, correspondence, and other materials 1990</b><br><b>Dinner guest list, agenda, and related materials 1988</b><br><b>Dinner invitations and planning materials 1989-1991</b><br><b>Dinner planning materials 1989</b><br><b>Dinner program and invitation 1984</b><br><b>Dinner programs 1985-1990 undated</b>   |
| Box : Folder 2 : 10<br>Box : Folder 2 : 11<br>Box : Folder 2 : 12<br>Box : Folder 2 : 13<br>Box : Folder 2 : 14<br>Box : Folder 2 : 15<br>Box : Folder 2 : 16<br>Box : Folder 2 : 17<br>Box : Folder 3 : 1<br>Box : Folder 3 : 2 | <b>Media training materials 1986-1990</b><br><b>Newsletter, advertisement, and other materials 1988</b><br><b>Organizational file 1987 and undated</b><br><b>Pledge list 1989</b><br><b>Political Affairs and Strategic materials 1989-1990</b><br><b>Putting Lesbians in Power resource directory 1988</b><br><b>Putting Lesbians in Power conference materials 1988</b><br><b>Williams, Danny: promotional materials undated</b><br><b>Facilitating AIDS Education in the Work Environment 1987</b><br><b>Family Diversity and Changing Family: education packet 1988</b><br><b>Federation Lobby/Education Network</b> |
| Box : Folder 3 : 3<br>Box : Folder 3 : 4<br>Box : Folder 3 : 5<br>Box : Folder 3 : 6<br>Box : Folder 3 : 7   | <b>Advanced training materials undated</b><br><b>Harriet Wieder Breakfast materials 1994</b><br><b>Overview, congressional biographies, and other materials 1993</b><br><b>Gann, Paul: clippings and ephemera 1987</b><br><b>Gay and Lesbian Services Center of Orange County 25th Anniversary Celebration: advertisements and ephemera 1977</b>   |
| Box : Folder 3 : 8   | <b>Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund training materials, planning notes, and contact list Undated</b>   |
| Box : Folder 3 : 9<br>Box : Folder 3 : 10<br>Box : Folder 3 : 11<br>Box : Folder 3 : 12  | <b>Gay Bashing Club: ephemera and clippings undated</b><br><b>Gay Games IV brochures 1994</b><br><b>Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Corporate Letter 1992</b><br><b>"Gay Rights at Work" article Undated</b>   |

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- Box : Folder 3 : 13  
Box : Folder 3 : 14-15  
Box : Folder 3 : 16-17
- Hagan, Don: memorial photographs, clippings, and other materials 1992**  
**"Help Lift the Military Ban" faxes, lobbying forms, and form letters 1993**
- Human Right Campaign Fund materials 1994-1995**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Includes Leadership Conference manual, press releases, general correspondence, budget, newsletter, handouts, faxes, clippings, and benefits manual for domestic partners.
- Box : Folder 3 : 18, 4 : 1-5
- Irvine Human Rights ordinance materials 1986-1989**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Includes memoranda, correspondence, agendas, planning notes, contact lists, photograph contact sheets; Human Rights Ordinance drafts and correspondence, and research materials.
- Box : Folder 4 : 7-11
- Laguna Outreach records 1982-1995**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Includes history, newsletters, Lavender Limelight programs, clippings, handouts, and photocopies of photographs.
- Box : Folder 4 : 12  
Box : Folder 4 : 13  
Box : Folder 4 : 14
- The Langtry Bed and Breakfast brochure Undated**  
**The Lazarus Project Lecture announcement 1986**  
**The Lesbian, Gay and Feminist Leadership Federation of Orange County correspondence, minutes, and other materials 1985-1986**  
**LGBT magazine articles 1992-1993**
- Box : Folder 4 : 15  
Box : Folder 4 : 6  
Box : Folder 4 : 16-17
- Linville, Kirk: memorial programs, photographs and correspondence 1990**  
**Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality: education packet, memoranda, and agendas 1988-1993**  
**Log Cabin news clipping, correspondence, and other materials 1984-1988**  
**March on Washington lobbying materials 1993**
- Box : Folder 5 : 1-2  
Box : Folder 5 : 3-4
- Writing annual reports: instructional materials 1987-1989**  
**Media training handouts and articles 1986-1990**  
**McCarthy, Leo: clippings and ephemera 1987**  
**National Conference of Gay and Lesbian Public Officials: correspondence and forms 1988**
- Box : Folder 5 : 9
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: registration forms, correspondence, and forms 1988**  
**Clippings about Orange County undated**
- Box : Folder 9 : 1-9  
Box : Folder 5 : 10  
Box : Folder 5 : 11  
Box : Folder 6 : 1
- Orange Coast College homophobia survey undated**  
**Orange County Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration pamphlets 1989-1990**  
**Orange County Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): correspondence and pamphlet 1984**  
**Proposition 102 campaign records 1988**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Includes stickers, brochures, invitations, correspondence, initiative measure and additional campaign materials.
- Box : Folder 6 : 2-3
- Proposition 64 records**  
**LaRouche Initiative agenda, news clippings, and other materials 1980-1986**
- Box : Folder 6 : 4-5  
Box : Folder 6 : 6
- Legal Analysis and Impact Report of LaRouche Initiative and related correspondence undated**  
**Biography/Organization History**  
The impact analysis and letter written by Dan Woodbridge are accredited as playing instrumental role in the defeat of Proposition 64.
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Box : Folder 6 :  
7-12

**"No on 64" campaign materials 1985-1986**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes design materials, fliers, form letters, volunteer forms, campaign contacts, press releases, agendas, news clippings, and other campaign related materials.

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**No on 64 1986**

**Archival Original**

**Physical Description:** 1 videocassette (VHS)

**Access Information**

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**Press kit materials 1986**

**Statements of opposition to the LaRouche campaign 1986**

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Box : Folder 7 : 12  
Box : Folder 8 : 1  
Box : Folder 8 : 3  
Box : Folder 8 : 4  
Box : Folder 8 : 5

**"Yes on 64" reports and propaganda 1985 July-August**

**Religious pamphlets and other materials addressing homosexuality 1983-1993**

***The Republican Digest*: newsletters 1988**

**The Rutherford Institute magazine article and press release 1990-1993**

**Schneider, Claudine: press kit 1988**

**Smith, Arlo: California Attorney General campaign correspondence and clippings 1989**

Box : Folder 8 :  
6-7

**Southern California Women for Understanding correspondence, newsletters, and other materials 1986-1997**

Box : Folder 8 : 8

**Take Pride 1997 Slide Show original photographs, clippings, and other materials 1986-1997**

Box : Folder 8 :  
9-12

**UC Irvine Chancellor's Advisory Committee: memoranda, manuals, minutes, and agendas 1984-1990**

Box : Folder 8 : 13  
Box : Folder 8 : 14

***Vincent Chalk vs. Orange County Superintendent of Schools Appellate report 1988***

**The War Conference programs, directories, and other materials 1988**

**Biography/Organization History**

National Coming Out Day, October 11, was founded by Jean O'Leary and Rob Eichberg at the War Conference with full support of 100 LGBT organizations around the country.

Box : Folder 8 : 15

**WESPAC, the Association of Gay and Lesbian political action committees in the western states: correspondence and convention packet 1988**

Series 2. **ECCO Scrapbook 1985-2005**

**Physical Description:** 0.2 linear feet

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series includes materials from a binder that documents the activities of the Elections Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO) between 1985-2005 through newsletters, dinner programs, annual reports, correspondence and printed ephemera. Series 1 and 3 also include additional materials from ECCO.

**Arrangement**

Original arrangement has been preserved.

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Box : Folder FB 68  
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**ECCO Orange County Historical LGBT Timeline Project files 1985-2005**

**ECCO poster 1984**

Series 3. **Don Hagan and Drew Barras' subject files 1965-1991**

**Physical Description:** 0.5 linear feet

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series includes articles, correspondence, reports, news clippings, newsletters, newspapers, and ECCO materials collected by Hagan and Barras related to HIV/AIDS and LGBT activism in Orange County.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in alphabetical order.

Box : Folder 10: 1  
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Box : Folder 10 : 4  
Box : Folder 10 :  
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**Articles and newsletters 1965-1991**

**Awards 1987-1989**

**Correspondence, reports, and other materials 1983-1990**

**ECCO records 1986**

**Includes correspondence, agendas, table and guest list, contribution records, and newsletters.**

**Frontiers 1986**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes articles, photographs, and advertisements related to proposition 64 and Don Hagan's role at ECCO.

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Box : Folder 10 :  
8-11

**Clippings 1985-1993**