Guide to the Elections Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO) Records MS.R.166

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Date (inclusive): 1984-2009
Date (bulk): 1999-2005
Abstract: This collection comprises records of the Elections Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO) is an all-volunteer political action committee that works on behalf of civil rights, mainly those of women and the LGBT community. The collection includes newsletters, reports, programs, historical information, and correspondence from the organization, as well as posters, photographs, T-shirts, banners, awards, magazines, and video tapes. Most of the material dates from 1999 to 2005.
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Acquisition Information
Processing History
Processed by Alix Norton with assistance from Audra Eagle Yun, 2012-2013.
Historical Background
The Elections Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO) is a political action committee that works on behalf of civil rights, mainly those of the LGBT community and women. The organization was founded in 1982 after a group of gay men and lesbians gathered in Orange County to discuss political issues in their community relating to discrimination against homosexuals. Soon it became a licensed political action committee led by founding co-chairs Georgia Garrett-Norris and Dan Wooldridge. Since then, the all-volunteer, non-partisan organization has worked to educate legislators about the issues facing the LGBT community and women in Southern California and all over the country. ECCO holds an annual fundraising dinner to raise awareness and funds, and to recognize community members for their work in support of LGBT rights.
Scope and Content Summary
This collection includes ECCO newsletters, reports, programs, historical information, and correspondence. It also contains subject and research files for volunteers in the organization, including magazines, newspaper clippings, and reports. Invitations, programs, posters, and other materials from the annual Awards Dinner are included from 1984 to 2009. Media materials include photographs and video tapes, and artifacts include T-shirts, stickers, pins, and plaques. Most of the materials date from 1999 to 2005.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged in 5 series:
   Series 1. Organizational records, 1995-2004
   Series 3. Awards, proclamations, and resolutions, 1984-2009
   Series 4. Subject and research files, 1985-2008
   Series 5. Photographs, media, and artifacts, 1992-1996
This collection also contains one unprocessed addition. 

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

- Gays -- California -- Orange County -- Archives.
- Gay rights -- California -- Orange County -- History -- Sources
- Lesbians -- California -- Orange County -- Archives.
- Political action committees -- California -- Orange County
- Video recordings -- California -- Orange County -- 20th century.

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**Organizational records** Series 1.73604 1995-2004

- box 1, folder 1 Histories 74160 undated
- box 1, folder 2 ECCO general files 74161 1995-2003 and undated
- box XOS4 - XOS9, folder XOS1 ECCO banners and posters 74813 1993, 2001-2004 and undated

**Publications** Series 2.73605 1998-2005

- box 1, folder 3 ECCO newsletters and reports 74162 1998-2005
- box 1, folder 4 180+ Reporter newsletter 74163 2002-2005

**Awards** Series 3.73606 1984-2009

Scope and Content Summary
This series contains awards received by ECCO, including plaques and certificates, as well as resolutions and proclamations. Also included are materials from ECCO's annual fundraising dinner and awards ceremony.

- box 1, folder 5-13. ECCO awards dinner 74164 1984-2009
- box 1, folder 14-15 Awards ceremony programs 74165 2006-200
- box 3, folder 1-2 Proclamations, resolutions, and certificates 74173 1984-2008
- box 5-6, folder data_value_missing_77be597195e8d49d619acaad9920818e Framed awards and plaques 74814 1991-2007 and undated

**Subject and research files** Series 4.73607 1985-2008

- box 1, folder 16 Ephemera 74166 1988-1998 and undated
- box 1, folder 17 Directories 74167 1985, 2003-2004
- box 3, folder 7 Newspaper clippings 74178 2004-2008 and undated
- box 1, folder 19 Newsletters 74169 2004-2005
- box 1, folder 20-21 Magazines 74170 2002-2007
- box 3, folder 3 folder data_value_missing_77be597195e8d49d619acaad9920818e Posters 74174 1989, 2002, and undated

- box 1, folder 18 Attorney General and Presidential reports 74168 1990-1998
- box 1, folder 19 Assembly Bill No. 849 74177 2005

**Photographs, media, and artifacts** Series 5.73608 1992-1996

- box 2 Video cassettes 73711 1993 and undated
  Physical Description: 4 VHS tapes and 10 U-matic tapes.
  Access: Access to original video cassettes is restricted; researchers must request use copies.
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**Box 1 2004-2008**
- Scope and Contents Summary
  - notes; financials; ECCO Annual Dinner material; notes; fundraising materials; flyers and pamphlets; election materials; issues of Blade

**Box 2 2005-2008**
- Scope and Contents Summary
  - election material; magazines; flyers and pamphlets; election material; newspaper clippings