Finding Aid to the ACT-UP Golden Gate Records, 1988-1993 MSS 98-47

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There are no alternate forms of this collection.
Related Collections
MSS 2000-06 Nancy (Shaw) Stoller Papers
MSS 2000-32 AIDS History Project Audio/Video Collection
MSS 98-49 AIDS Community-Based Organization Records Collections
Separated Material
None
Acquisition Information
The ACT-UP Golden Gate Records were given to the Library by ACT-UP Golden Gate in 1998. They were surveyed and collected by then AIDS Project Archivist Bill Walker. The formal deed of gift was signed in April 2000.
System of Arrangement
Arranged to the folder level.
Processing Information
Processed by Julia Bazar, December 2005
Organizational History
The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) New York was formed in March 1987. ACT-UP San Francisco was formed a year later. ACT-UP Golden Gate separated from ACT-UP San Francisco after a contentious meeting on September 14, 1990. The focus of the new group was on treatment, research, education, and prevention issues. An all volunteer organization, much of the work was done by committees, and weekly meetings were held to discuss proposed demonstrations,
educational campaigns, meeting with corporate or governmental officials, and endorsements of other organizations actions. The organization considers all of Northern California within its service area, but is primarily focused on San Francisco and its immediate environs. In 2000 or 2001 the organization changed its name to Survive AIDS.

The ACT UP/Golden Gate Statement of Purpose from a c. 1991 newcomer's packet reads: "ACT UP/GOLDEN GATE is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals, united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. We are engaged in a battle to reform the research and treatment of HIV and its associated opportunistic diseases, intensify HIV education and prevention efforts, and revolutionize the health care delivery system in this country. The HIV pandemic crosses all racial, sexual, age, cultural and class boundaries and we are committed to involving all affected communities in this fight. THE FIGHT AGAINST THE HIV PANDEMIC IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY."

The ACT-UP Golden Gate committees include: Coordinating Committee, State and Local Issues Committee, City Issues Committee (CHIC) [San Francisco], Fundraising Committee, Insurance and Health Access Committee, Treatment Issues Committee, Media Relations Committee, Women's Action Committee (WAC), Outreach Committee. There are also several Working Groups and Subcommittees. INS (Immigration) Working Group is independent. The Treatment Issues Committee oversees the KS Working Group, Neurology Subcommittee, Testing Issues Working Group, Count Down 18 Months, Immune Based Therapy Working Group, and the Anti-viral Subcommittee. The State Issues Committee has the AIDS Drug Program Working Group, the UC Research Subcommittee, and the FDB Working Group. Committee chairs were in charge of keeping their committee's records.

Scope and Content of Collection

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While there is some documentation of ACT-UP General meetings and a few documents concerning the City Issues Committee (CHIC) [San Francisco] and the INS (Immigration) Working Group, the majority of the ACT-UP SF and ACT-UP GG materials appear to be from the Treatment Issues Committee and mostly concern drug protocol studies, ethics, and length of time for drugs to be approved by the FDA. There are no formal minutes and only a few agendas and formal reports from either ACT-UP SF or ACT-UP GG

Most of the more formal documents were actually issued by ACT-UP New York. This includes the two ACT-UP AIDS Treatment Agendas (1990 and 1991). The ACT-UP New York folder contains other New York-issued and New York-specific items, including a series of newspaper articles that touch on ACT-UP or AIDS, and fundraising letters from Harvey Fierstein and Keith Haring. The Boston materials focus on a meeting and protest held in Boston in 1988. The Washington, D.C. items are similar, though they also include information on an NIH Meeting in Bethesda, Maryland. The "other ACT-UP groups" file includes both flyers for local non-ACT-UP events or organizations and materials from ACT-UP chapters in Louisiana, and elsewhere, and materials on police brutality in Canada.

The two folders of ACT-UP publications include: 1- AIDS Treatment News (SF), 5- ACT-UP San Francisco newsletters, 1- ACT-UP Reports (NY), as well as several AIDS Action News (Toronto) from 1988. The clippings include a variety of articles concerning various ACT-UP protests or people from around the country.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

AIDS (Disease)--Political aspects--United States
AIDS (Disease)--Social aspects--California--San Francisco Bay Area
AIDS activists--United States
ACT UP San Francisco (Organization)
ACT UP Golden Gate (Organization)

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| box 1, folder 2 | ACT-UP Golden Gate - General Meetings, etc. 1990-1993 |
| box 1, folder 3 | ACT-UP Golden Gate - Treatment Issues Committee 1991-92 |
| box 1, folder 4 | 5th International AIDS Conference - Montreal 1989 |
| box 1, folder 5 | 6th International AIDS Conference - 1990 ACT-UP AIDS Treatment Agenda 1990 |
| box 1, folder 6 | 6th International AIDS Conference - San Francisco week of International AIDS Activism 1990 |
box 1, folder 7  7th International Conference on AIDS - Florence, Italy - 1991 ACT-UP AIDS Treatment Agenda 1991
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box 1, folder 9  "Report on 13th AIDS Clinical Trials Group Meeting (ACTG) December 1991
box 1, folder 10  ATAC - AIDS Treatment Activist Conference November 1990
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box 1, folder 20  ACT-UP New York 1988-1992, undated