

GLBT Historical Society
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Holdings Related to Electoral Politics

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This research guide is intended to help users locate holdings related to electoral politics at the GLBT Historical Society.

It highlights holdings in the following areas:

- Organizational records and personal papers
- Periodicals
- Ephemera
- Oral Histories

Other collections may contain relevant materials. Researchers are encouraged to also conduct their own searches of the catalog and finding aids. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist (reference@glbthistory.org) with any questions or comments.

Organizational records and personal papers

Bruce Decker papers, 2008-23. Bruce Decker was a Republican political consultant who dedicated himself to AIDS activism after learning he was HIV-positive in 1984. He helped found Concerned Americans for Individual Rights, whose goal was to expand Republicans' awareness of queer issues and counter the rising influence of the religious right. Some of his papers are digitized here: <https://calisphere.org/collections/5809/>

David Scott Collection, 2017-03. David Scott was a gay man who ran for mayor of San Francisco in 1979, in the wake of Harvey Milk's assassination. Scott won 10% of the vote, which forced a runoff election. He used his endorsement to bargain with the eventual winner, Dianne Feinstein, for queer representation on city commissions.

Donna Hitchens papers, 1991-02. Donna Hitchens was the United States' first openly lesbian elected judge and the founder of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR).

Duke Armstrong papers, 1996-12. Duke Armstrong was a lawyer and leatherman who was board president of Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR) for two years and worked to build bridges between the gay community and the Republican Party.

Gilbert Block/Sadie, Sadie the Rabbi Lady papers, 2002-05. Gilbert Block was an early member of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence who – in his drag persona Sadie, Sadie the Rabbi Lady — ran for Concord city council in 1991. Block's run was intended to bring attention to homophobia in Concord, which had recently passed an ordinance stripping queer people of civil rights protections.

George Raya papers, 1990-09. In December 1974, George Raya became California's first full-time lobbyist for LGBTQ rights. The papers document political organizing and social networking within the gay community in California, particularly during the 1970s and 1980s.

Glendon Hyde/Anna Conda collection, 2015-04. This collection documents the political activism and drag career of Glendon Hyde/Anna Conda. It includes materials related to Hyde's work as the first drag president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, Hyde/Anna Conda's run for Supervisor in District 6, and Anna Conda's drag performances.

Greg Day papers, 2002-24. Greg Day is a photographer, activist, and former political candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Board of Education. This collection contains materials about a variety of groups with which Day has been involved, including his campaigns and the Alice B. Toklas Gay Democratic Club.

Harvey Milk and Scott Smith collection of artifacts and ephemera, 2002-43. This collection includes artifacts and ephemera relating to Harvey Milk's pioneering election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, his assassination, and his Castro Camera store, as well as clothing and memorabilia that belonged to both Milk and his partner Scott Smith. Note that the majority of Milk's papers are at the San Francisco Public Library.

Jeffrey Ruda papers, 1999-71. This collection contains materials related to the battle over a 1986 civil rights ordinance in Davis, California that protected queer people from discrimination. At the time, it was one of the most sweeping anti-discrimination laws in the country.

Jim Gordon papers, 2002-27. This collection documents the everyday life and political work of San Francisco gay activist Jim Gordon. It contains chronological files that record his activities and his association with a myriad of organizations, including various LGBT Democratic clubs.

Jo Daly papers, 1998-13. The Jo Daly papers document the professional life of the longtime San Francisco lesbian political activist and community leader. In 1975, as a staff member of the city's Human Rights Commission, Daly became the first government official whose salaried job was to serve the queer community. She later became San Francisco's first lesbian police commissioner.

José Sarria papers, 1996-01. Sarria was the first out queer person to run for office in the United States, running for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1961. He was also a drag performer, founder of the Imperial Court, and founding member of various homophile groups.

Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action records, 2005-07. This collection contains materials related to Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA), which works to bring the concerns of Black lesbians and gays to the forefront of the political process.

Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns collection, 1992-02. Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns was established in 1981 to support queer libertarians and to bring awareness of queer issues to the libertarian community.

No on Knight Campaign records, 2000-18. This collection contains records created by the campaign against the 2000 Knight Initiative, which would have defined marriage in California as “between a man and a woman.”

Richmond Young papers, 1995-06. Richmond Young was a longtime Democratic activist and former president of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club. His collection contains correspondence, diaries, and materials related to local Democratic politics.

San Francisco Chapter of the National Women’s Political Caucus collection, 2012-03. The National Women’s Political Caucus supports progressive women running for political office.

Stanley Hadden papers, 1997-33. Stanley Hadden was legislative aide to California State Senator David Roberti, and acted as Roberti's senior advisor on AIDS and LGBTQ rights issues.

Tom Ammiano mayoral campaign records, 2001-05. Tom Ammiano, a former comedian and teacher, has been a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the California State Assembly, as well as a founding member of “No on 6,” against the Briggs Initiative. This collection contains materials about his 1999 run for mayor of San Francisco.

Tom Ammiano papers, 2006-07. Collection contains materials related to Ammiano's work as a comic, politician and teacher.

Wayne Friday collection, 2017-06. The Wayne Friday collection documents San Francisco-based columnist, district attorney investigator, and police commissioner Wayne Friday. State Senator Mark Leno called Friday “a focal point of LGBT politics.”

Periodicals

The digitized archives of the *Bay Area Reporter* contain many relevant articles:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=cl&cl=CL2.1995.09&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1&sp=BAR>

Other periodicals in the GLBT Historical Society’s collections include:

Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club Newsletter

Alice Reports (Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club)

Alice Speaks (Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club)

Newsletter of the Barbary Coast Democratic Club

EBL/GDC: Newsletter of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club

Freedom Democratic Caucus Journal

Gay Vote

Harry S. Truman Democratic Club Newsletter

LGADDA News: The Newsletter of Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action

S.F. Voter Alert: Official Publication of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club

Speaking Plain: Harry S. Truman Democratic Club Newsletter

Stonewall News

Stonewall Newsletter

Democratic Voter Alert
Lambda: Long Beach Lambda Democratic Club Newsletter
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club of San Francisco President's Newsletter
Newsletter of the Stonewall Democratic Club
Christopher Streettalk: The Monthly Publication of the Christopher Street Democratic Club
The Word
Socialism and Sexuality
C.R.I.R. Mandate (Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights)
OPED (Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights)
Republican Challenge (Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights)
The Republican Digest: United Republican Clubs of California Newsletter
The Log: Log Cabin Republican Club Newsletter
Teddy: A Monthly Publication of the President Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt Republican Club of San Francisco

Ephemera

The GLBT Historical Society has a large collection of ephemera arranged by subject. Relevant topics include:

General Subjects Ephemera:

Briggs Initiative (and subtopics)
California gay rights ordinances
Civil unions, domestic partners and marriage (and subtopics)
National Democratic Convention (1976)
Palo Alto Human Rights Measure B
Propositions (San Francisco and California)
White Night Riots and Dan White

Groups Ephemera:

Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club
California Association of Lesbian/Gay Democratic Clubs
Democratic Party
East Bay Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club
Harry S. Truman Democratic Club
Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club
LGADDA (Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action)
River City Democratic Council (Sacramento)
San Francisco Gay Democratic Club
Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights
Log Cabin Republican Club
Teddy Roosevelt Republican Council of Clubs

Oral Histories

Adelman, Jeanne

Alinder, Gary (transcripts: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Alinder_Gary12-6-1996_web.pdf and http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Alinder_Gary7-31-1997_web.pdf)

Coates, Paul

Dyer, Kate

Gordon, Jim (transcript: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Gordon_Jim5-1-1996_web.pdf)

Lucas, Don (transcripts: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Lucas_Don12-30-1996_web.pdf and http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Lucas_Don6-13-1997_web.pdf)

Lucas, Larry (transcript: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Lucas_Larry1-10-1973_web.pdf)

Matlovich, Leonard (transcript:

http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/MatlovichLeonard_1984March2_web.pdf)

Milk, Harvey (transcript: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/MilkHarvey_77_001_web.pdf)

Nolan, Tom

Wadsworth, Kevin

Rolfs, Ted (transcript: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Rolfs_Ted1983_web.pdf)