

Hands Off Washington, Kitsap County Coalition records, 1992-1996

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Hands Off Washington (Organization). Kitsap County Coalition
Title	Hands Off Washington, Kitsap County Coalition records
Dates	1992-1996 (inclusive) 1992 1996
Quantity	.42 cubic feet (1 box)
Collection Number	5335 (Accession No. 5335-001)
Summary	Records of Hands Off Washington, Kitsap County Coalition, an organization that opposed anti-gay initiatives.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	The records are open to all users.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The Hands Off Washington Kitsap County Coalition, based in Bremerton, Washington, was a regional division of the statewide Hands Off Washington, a program of Washington Citizens for Fairness. Washington Citizens for Fairness was formed in 1992 as a not-for-profit, political organizing committee "to defeat political efforts to limit or deny the civil rights of any resident in our state." In 1994, the group formed Hands Off Washington (HOW) to defeat legislation that would deny civil rights to individuals based on their "actual or perceived sexual orientation." Targeted legislation included Initiative 608, which opposed the establishment of sexual orientation as a protected category similar to age or race; Initiative 166 (similar to 608); and Initiative 167, which was intended to ban adoptions by homosexual individuals or couples. Initiative 608 was defeated in 1995, and Initiatives 166 and 167 were defeated in the following year. Hands Off Washington's name refers to the fact that much of this legislation was proposed and supported by the same anti-gay activists who proposed similar initiatives that passed in Oregon.

Content Description

The records cover the years 1992-1996, with the bulk of the material dating from 1993 and 1994. The Kitsap County Coalition series includes general organizational information; intra-organizational correspondence; a small amount of general correspondence, including letters from local organizations endorsing the Kitsap County Coalition and its mission, and one from Dave Swartout, a local activist; minutes of Kitsap County Coalition meetings; news clippings and other articles on relevant issues and events; mailing lists, membership lists, and lists of local legislators and media contacts; and ephemera, including fund-raising mailings. The statewide Hands Off Washington series includes similar types of material — intraorganizational correspondence, clippings, ephemera — as well as planning budgets and informational materials from other regional Hands Off Washington chapters and organizations with similar goals.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged in two series:

- Hands Off Washington, Kitsap County Coalition records, 1993-1996
- Statewide Hands Off Washington records, 1992-1996

Acquisition Information

Gift of Sue Ablao, June 27, 2003.

Processing Note

Processed by Janet Polata in March 2006.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Organizational features	1994, undated
1/2	General correspondence	1993, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/3	Intra-organizational correspondence	1995
1/4	Minutes	1993-1996
1/5	Speeches and writings Includes a paper entitled "Summary of Discussion Points, Traditional Values Coalition Videotape, 'Gay Rights/Special Rights,' " written by Renée DeLapp.	1994, undated
1/6	Ephemera	1994, undated
1/7	Clippings	1993-1994, undated
1/8-9	Lists Contains lists of local legislators and media organizations as well as lists of volunteers, meeting attendees, and donors/members.	1993-1994, undated
1/10	Notes	undated

Statewide Hands Off Washington records

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/11	Organizational features	1993, undated
1/12	Intra-organizational correspondence	1996
1/13	Agenda	1994
1/14	Report: summary report from Hands Off Washington thinktank	1993
1/15	Budget files	1995-1996
1/16	Subject files	
Box/Folder		
1/17	Idaho Citizens Alliance	1993

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/18	Oregon Speaks Out project	1993-1994, undated
1/19	Other coalitions Contains information concerning other regional Hands Off Washington groups and the City of Tacoma Hate Crimes Task Force.	1992-1993, undated
1/20	Ephemera	1993, undated
1/21	Clippings	1995-1996, undated
1/22	Notes Contains several pages of unsigned, handwritten notes from a planning meeting. They were presumably taken by Sue Ablas, who donated the Kitsap Coalition records, was active in the Kitsap Coalition, and was also on the board of the statewide Hands Off Washington.	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Gay liberation movement--Washington (State)--Kitsap County
 Gay rights--Washington (State)
 Gay rights--Washington (State)--Kitsap County
 Gays--Legal status, laws, etc.--Washington (State)
 Homosexuality--Law and legislation--Washington (State)
 Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)
 Referendum--Washington (State)

Corporate Names :

Hands Off Washington (Organization)
 Hands Off Washington (Organization). Kitsap County Coalition--Archives

Geographical Names :

Washington (State)--Social conditions--20th century

Form or Genre Terms :

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
 correspondence
 ephemera
 financial records
 Lists
 minutes
 notes
 writings

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