



## Guide to the Nevada State Protection of Marriage Initiative Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Collector:</b>	McBride, Dennis
<b>Title:</b>	Nevada State Protection of Marriage Initiative Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00527
<b>Date:</b>	2000
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.42 Linear Feet (1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Nevada State Protection of Marriage Initiative Collection (2000) consists of Clark County, Nevada petition signatures in favor of the initiative to exclude gay and lesbian Nevadans from marriage. The "Protection of Marriage Initiative" was also known as Question Two on the ballot. Much of this material is photocopied from the Nevada State Archives and contains pages from Clark County, including Boulder City, as well as notable Southern Nevada signatures.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The Nevada Protection of Marriage Initiative of 2000, also known as Question Two, was a piece of state legislation aimed at excluding gay and lesbian Nevadans from marriage. The controversial effort was initiated by the Coalition for the Protection of Marriage in Nevada, which mounted a petition drive to amend the state's constitution to forbid same-sex marriage. The petition drive was successful and the proposed amendment passed in both 2000 and 2002, as required by state law, and the constitution was so amended. On October 7, 2014, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the same-sex marriage ban in Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged alphabetically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

Collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

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### Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2007 by Dennis McBride; accession number 2007-007.

### Processing Note

Material was processed by Dennis McBride in 2007. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it

into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently, Ian M. Baldwin entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

## Location of Originals

This collection has been photocopied from the Nevada State Archives. The collection in which these signature petitions may be found at the Nevada State Archives is named "Protection of Marriage."

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## Names and Subjects

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- Political activists--Nevada--Las Vegas
- Gay community

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers	
Nevada Protection of Marriage Initiative petition: Boulder City, index of signatures, 2000	box 01	folder 01
Nevada Protection of Marriage Initiative petition: Boulder City, correspondence, 2000	box 01	folder 02
Nevada Protection of Marriage Initiative petition: Boulder City, signatures, 2000	box 01	folder 03-36