

Guide to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada
Title:	Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records
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Date [inclusive]:	1992-2002
Physical Description:	2.55 Cubic Feet (4 boxes)
Physical Description:	2.21 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada records (1992-2002) includes news articles; institutional records such as bylaws, agendas, and meeting minutes; ephemera; and programs for the Gay & Lesbian Community Center's annual Honorarium fundraiser.

Preferred Citation Note

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Historical Note

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada (the Center), a 501(c)3 organization, was founded in the fall of 1992 through efforts inspired by the Friday Night Men's Rap Group at the Community Counseling Center. Initially, the Center board of directors met in a small room at Community Counseling, but in 1993 the Center obtained its own building at 912 East Sahara Avenue. This small former dental office on a side street became the first safe public space in Las Vegas for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. The Nevada legislature that year repealed the state's sodomy law and the Las Vegas gay community rallied to celebrate and dedicate its new Center on October 15, 1993.

Within a few months of opening the Center offered the community a host of services and programs. It provided free HIV testing; office space for the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, the

NAMES Project, the Lambda Business Association, PFLAG, the Delta Lambda Phi gay fraternity, SAGE [Senior Action Gay Environment]; and meeting space for groups in support of lesbians, gay youth, gay and lesbian parents, Hispanics, gay seniors, transgender people—even a gay science fiction club. On January 23, 1994 the Center sponsored the first annual Man and Woman of the Year Award, known today as the Honorarium.

By 2001, however, the Center had outgrown its small building and the board searched for larger space. They found a 6,000 square-foot storefront across Sahara Avenue in Commercial Center which once housed the Second Time Around Thrift Shop, a fundraising enterprise for Aid for AIDS of Nevada. The Center moved into this space in February 2002 and held its ribbon-cutting and dedication on October 11, 2002 as part of Las Vegas's National Coming Out Day celebrations. In 2006 the Center moved a couple of doors down where it expanded to include a computer lab, two large meeting/game rooms, and a comfortable community room/library.

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The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada moved again and expanded

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Scope and Contents

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada records date from 1992-2002 and include news articles; institutional records such as bylaws, agendas, and meeting minutes; ephemera; and programs for the Center's annual Honorarium fundraiser.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Antioco Carillo in 2001 and Dennis McBride in 2007; accession numbers 2001-01, 2007-25.

Processing Note

Collection was processed by Dennis McBride in 2007. The finding aid was revised by Jocelyn Ascencio in 2014 to bring it into compliance with DACS. 2001-01 addition was added by Maggie Bukowski in 2017.

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Names and Subjects

- Gay liberation movement
- Fund raising -- Nevada -- Clark County -- History
- Gay community

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Articles from Las Vegas Sun and Las Vegas Review-Journal newspapers, 1993	box 01	folder 01
Articles of Incorporation, 1993-1994	box 01	folder 02
Bylaws, 1993-2000	box 01	folder 03-06
Agendas, Minutes, Reports, 1992-2000	box 01	folder 07-16
Ephemera, 1982-2007	box 01	folder 17-32
Annual Report, 1998-1999	box 01	folder 33-34
Board of Directors Handbook, 1998-1999	box 01	folder 35
Candidates Forum, 1999 April 22	box 01	folder 36
Center Stage agreement, 1999	box 01	folder 37
Employee and Volunteer Handbook, 1998	box 01	folder 38
Center Foundation, 2000	box 01	folder 39
Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation: media essentials training, 1999 May 29	box 01	folder 40
Grand Opening, 2002 October 11	box 01	folder 41
Honorarium, 1995-2007	box 01	folder 42-53
Insurance, 1998	box 01	folder 54
Job descriptions and searches, 1999-2000	box 01	folder 55
Plans and Planning, 1996-2002	box 02	folder 56-59
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Volunteer training program, 1997	box 02	folder 63
Youth, 1999-2000	box 02	folder 64
Youth Zone agreement, 1999	box 02	folder 65
Pride Flags, undated	oversized box 03	
Pride Flags, undated	oversized box 04	