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SUBJECT TERMS

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Subject Topics:

Gender identity—Massachusetts
Gender identity—Massachusetts—Boston
Transgender people—Massachusetts
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Document Types:

Advocacy Materials
Brochures
Business Cards
Conference Programs
E-mails
Ephemera
Flyers
Legislation
Letters
Meeting Notes

Newspaper Clippings
Pamphlets
Petitions
Newsletters
Organizational Documents
Stickers
Talking Points

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC) was formed in 2001. The organization focused initial efforts on adding a gender identity clause into the City of Boston's non-discrimination ordinance in 2002. The group expanded to include a satellite chapter in Western Massachusetts that pushed for a similar clause in the City of Northampton. While the major focus of MTPC is political, the group and group members participated in conferences, advocacy and community projects, and co-founder Gunner Scott was elected the Boston Pride Parade Marshall in 2003. The group still exists at present.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of two record containers of materials. The bulk of materials relate to MTPC's advocacy efforts, specifically the Boston non-discrimination ordinance and the ongoing efforts to pass "An Act Relative to Transgender Rights" in the Massachusetts legislature, which would protect transgender people throughout the state. Other materials include MTPC organizational files, member communication, miscellaneous group activities, newspaper clippings and article print-outs, miscellaneous transgender rights documents and ephemera.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Series I: Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition organizational files.

Series II: Communication including e-mails and meeting notes (many of these have no date).

Series III: Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition activities (flyers, talking points, fact sheets, petitions, miscellaneous initiatives, major initiatives, member activities).

Subseries 1: Boston Ordinance, a gender non-discrimination ordinance proposed by MTPC that passed successfully in 2002

Subseries 2: HB 1722, "An Act Relative to Transgender Rights?" a statewide non-discrimination act proposed by MTPC that was debated in 2007 – 2008 and did not pass.

Series IV: Publications mentioning MTPC, MTPC members or MTPC activities, with an emphasis on materials covering the Boston non-discrimination ordinance.

Series V: Miscellaneous transgender rights materials (copies of laws in New York; Rhode Island; Cambridge, Massachusetts; Multnomah County, Oregon; and San Francisco, California, advocacy materials and information from other Boston/Massachusetts organizations, advocacy materials and information from transgender rights groups outside Massachusetts).

Series VI: Ephemera (stickers, buttons, business cards).

SERIES AND FOLDER LIST:

Series I: MTPC Organizational Files

Folder 1: Organizational Documents including Ad Hoc Committee Structural Proposal, MTPC Structural Proposal and Mission and Values, 2004, undated

Folder 2: Financial Documents including budget, grant application, fundraising letter and fiscal sponsorship agreement with The Tiffany Club, 2003 – 2009, undated

Folder 3: Meeting Notes, 2001 – 2007, undated

Series II: Communication

Folder 1: Contact Information (RESTRICTED), 2001 – 2003, undated

Folder 2: E-mails 2002 – 2007, undated

Folder 3: Newsletters and Notes, 2003 – 2008, undated

Series III: MTPC Activities

Folder 1: Meeting Flyers, 2002 – 2003, undated

Folder 2: Talking Points/Fact Sheets including FAQs and Tips for Talking to Politicians, undated

Folder 3: Northampton Ordinance, 2003

Folder 4: Human Rights Campaign/Employment Non-Discrimination Act, 2004

Folder 5: Miscellaneous Initiatives including youth advocacy, MATTER advocacy conference in Baltimore, MTPC advocacy workshop, Department of Motor Vehicles survey, Transgender Day of Remembrance, gender identity postcard campaign and MTPC staff activities, 2000 – 2008, undated

Subseries 1: Boston Ordinance, 2001 – 2003

Folder 1: MTPC Draft Amendment to Ordinance, 2002

Folder 2: MTPC Model Guidelines to the City of Boston, 2003

Folder 3: MTPC info packet to the City of Boston, 2002

Folder 4: Flyer for public hearing, undated

Folder 5: Press Release, 2002

Folder 6: MTPC draft memo to Boston City Council with options on

bathroom language in ordinance, 2002
Folder 7: MTPC list of options re: bathroom language in ordinance, undated
Folder 8: Boston municipal code re: bathrooms, 2002
Folder 9: MTPC member e-mails after public hearing, 2002
Folder 10: MTPC e-mails re: ordinance draft language, 2001
Folder 11: Advocacy information and Massachusetts/Boston elected officials, undated
Folder 12: Boston ordinance materials, 2002
Folder 13: Flyer seeking testimony at public hearing, undated
Folder 14: Testimony before City Council, 2002
Folder 15: Fax from Paul Koch to Cole Thaler – “ought to pass”, 2002
Folder 16: Memos from Paul Koch to councilors Feeney and Turner, 2002
Folder 17: MTPC Boston ordinance procedures, undated
Folder 18: Answers to councilors’ questions, undated
Folder 19: MTPC talking points, 2003, undated
Folder 20: MTPC letters to councilor Maura Hennigan, 2002
Folder 21: Letters in support of non-discrimination, 2002
Folder 22: Signatures in support of non-discrimination, undated
Folder 23: Signed ordinance, 2002

Subseries 2: House Bill 1722, 2007 - 2008

Folder 1: HB1722 advocacy materials, 2007, undated
Folder 2: Draft copies of info sheet, 2007
Folder 3: HB1722 hearing panels draft sheet, 2007
Folder 4: HB1722 info sheet, 2008, undated
Folder 5: HB1722 hearing materials, undated
Folder 6: HB1722 Q & A, undated
Folder 7: HB1722 draft campaign, 2007 - 2008
Folder 8: MTPC flyers on HB1722, 2008, undated
Folder 9: HB1722 postcard and signature petitions, undated
Folder 10: List of businesses and organizations that support HB1722, 2007
Folder 11: Memo to Representative Carl Sciortino with section-by-section analysis, 2007
Folder 12: Briefing in HB1722 by Carl Sciortino, MTPC and GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders), 2008
Folder 13: MTPC legislative brief, undated
Folder 14: HB1722, 2007

Series IV: Publications

Folder 1: Includes clippings from Bay Windows, Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Boston Spirit, IN Newsweekly, Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association, New England Blade, New York Times, Northeastern Law, Out in Boston, Salem News and South Boston Tribune, 2002 – 2008

Series V: Miscellaneous Transgender Rights

Folder 1: Laws in Other States (photocopies)
Folder 2: Other Boston/Massachusetts Organizations including The Network/La Red, JRI, LGBT Political Alliance of Western Massachusetts, GLSEN, TransCEND, Transgender Legal Clinic, GLBT Health Access Project, Boston Public Health Commission, GLASS, 2002 – 2008, undated

Folder 3: non-Massachusetts Organizations including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Tom Waddell Health Center Transgender Team, Human Rights Campaign, National Coalition for LGBT Health (RESTRICTED), 2001 – 2003, undated

Series VI: Ephemera
Includes stickers, buttons, undated