
Inventory of the Governor's Task Force on Civil Rights Records

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Agency History

The Governor's Task Force on Civil Rights was formed to address the increase in threatening and violent actions against racial, cultural and religious minority individuals and groups. The activities of the Ku Klux Klan and similar groups was of great concern to the Task Force. In 1982 the Task Force submitted its two volume *Report On Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Violence* to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

The executive Order (B-66.80) that created the Task Force was signed on July 20, 1980 and amended on August 13, 1981. This Order directed the Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency to serve as Chair of the Task Force and the Director of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or designee, to serve as executive secretary. At the time the Task Force was formed, the Department of Fair Employment and Housing had recently been given department status under the State and Consumer Services Agency and was no longer a division in the Department of Industrial Relations.

The Task Force interfaced with the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and the California Commission on Crime Control and Violence Prevention and established liaisons with numerous government and private entities that were concerned with civil rights. These were not limited to California and materials from other states are included in the files.

Othertype F3932I. Administrative Files. 1981-1983

1-50

Physical Description: 1.3 cu. ft.

Scope and Content Note

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject

The files contain materials created in the course of the Task Force's lifespan. The Task Force held three public hearings in different locations and gathered testimony. Excerpts of this testimony are in the final report and in many of these files, especially the files pertaining to the symposia and hearings, and correspondence. Several symposia were held to build community trust and to disseminate information on ways to promote tolerance for racial and cultural differences. Particular attention was paid to non-force options for law enforcement, and conflict resolution. Additionally, the task force worked on the design of a law enforcement reporting system for hate crimes so that there might be an accurate record of the number and locations of incidents.

In addition to administrative files, correspondence, advisory councils, work plans and progress reports the series includes demographic information, news articles, pending legislation, court cases, and conflict resolution.

There is more information gathered on some areas of the state than others, reflecting the different levels of problem incidents and citizen concern.

Othertype F3932II. Organization Files. 1981-1983

51-83

Physical Description: 1 cu. ft.

Scope and Content Note

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name of organization.

This series contains information on organizations with which the Task Force interfaced or on which the Task Force was gathering information. The primary focus is civil rights.

The files are titled:

- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (Jewish Defense League)
- Armenian National Committee
- Bay Area Coalition Against Racism & Repression
- California Black Women's Coalition
- California District Attorneys Association
- California Impact
- California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) - two files
- Chicano Correctional Workers Association
- Coalition of Hispanic Organizations
- Concerned Citizens for Equality
- Contra Costa County
- Education Consortium For Productive Conflict
- Extremist Groups
- General Information - two files
- General Information - States other than California
- Human Rights/Relations Commissions
- Inside/Out (Jailhouse Civil Rights)
- Institute for Local Self Government
- Institute for the Study of Labor and Economic Crisis
- League of California Cities
- National Anti-Klan Network
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- National Council of Negro Women
- Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
- Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)
- Sacramento Area Network
- Si Se Puede
- Southern Poverty Law Center
- US Commission on Civil Rights
- US Department of Justice - Community Relations Service