

OUR HISTORY

Lambda Letters Project, a statewide organization, uniquely offers thousands of Californians, just like you, direct access to the legislative process in order to affect public policy in four areas of concern: LGBTI issues; HIV/AIDS issues; people of color issues, and women's issues. We provide you sample letters and e-mails each month. You can sign and return these letters as is, or use them to create your own messages.

1988

Lambda Letters Project is formed as a committee of the River City Democratic Club in Sacramento. The formation is the result of the apparent failure of large demonstrations to influence the votes of legislators. For example, in 1987 half a million people march in our nation's capital in support of the need for a more effective fight against AIDS. Two days later the Senate passes Senator Jesse Helms' sponsored proposal severely limiting the content of, and thereby decreasing the effectiveness of, AIDS educational materials.

1989

Lambda Letters Project becomes an independent, nonpartisan organization. This decision is made in order to enhance our ability to serve people regardless of their political affiliation. In our first full year of operation, we collect 1,700 letters.

1992

Lambda Letters Project begins publishing a professional monthly newsletter. The newsletter is mailed to all active members and contains a comprehensive listing of bills of importance to the community and tells the status of those bills. The newsletter features articles on the subjects covered by each month's letters as well as articles on current events of interest to our members.

1993

Lambda Letters Project forms a Board of Directors with a statewide presence.

1994

Lambda Letters Project becomes incorporated as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit entity.

1995

Lambda Letters Project starts an e-mail alert system. This e-mail alert system is used to get more timely constituent input on fast-breaking legislative issues.

1998

Lambda Letters Project launches a public Web site. We continue to seek innovative ways to enhance the community's influence on legislation that affects it.

2003

Lambda Letters Project delivers over one-quarter million letters and e-mails.

2004

Lambda Letters Foundation (LLF) is formed. LLF is granted recognition as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The initial focus of LLF is to educate people regarding the protections, rights, and duties of domestic partners. Since 2000 the state legislature has passed 12 bills affecting domestic partners in California. This success is a testament to the work that Lambda Letters Project, along with so many others, performs.

OUR MISSION

To promote the social, economic, and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex individuals, couples, and families; people affected by HIV/AIDS; people of color; and women. We do this by urging elected officials to enact and support legislation that accomplishes this goal.