



# LYON-MARTIN HOUSE LANDMARK DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATION

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Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon in front of home, 1989  
Source: *San Francisco Chronicle*, 2018. Photo credit: Eric Luse



Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon wedding, 2008  
Source: *New York Times*, April 10, 2020. Photo credit: Marcio Jose Sanchez/Associated Press

# Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon



- Daughters of Bilitis (1955)
- Council on Religion and the Homosexual (1964)
- Citizen's Alert (1965)
- San Francisco Women's Centers (1970)
- Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club (1972)
- Lesbian Lobby and Lesbian Caucus (1978)
- San Francisco Feminist Democrats (1978)
- National Lesbian Feminist Organization (1978)
- Old Lesbians for Change (1987)

# DEL MARTIN (1921-2008)



*George Washington High School Yearbook, 1937*  
Source: Ancestry.com



*Speaking at protest on gay exclusion from military, 1966*  
Source: GLBT Historical Society

- Coalition for Justice for Battered Women (1975)
- La Casa de las Madres (1976)
- California Coalition against Domestic Violence (1977)
- Lesbian Mother's Union (1977)
- Bay Area Women's Coalition

# PHYLLIS LYON (1924-2020)



At work at *Pacific Builder and Engineer*, 1950  
Source: Marcia Gallo, *Different Daughters*, 2006

- Doctor of Education in Human Sexuality (1976)
- National Sex and Drug Forum (NSDF)/National Sex Forum (1968)
- Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) (1976)
- San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) (1976)
- CA Commission on Crime Control and Violence Prevention (1980)
- Senior Action in a Gay Environment (1983)

# DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS



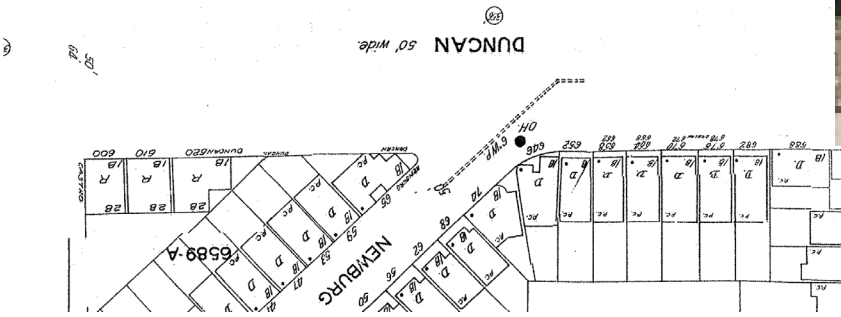
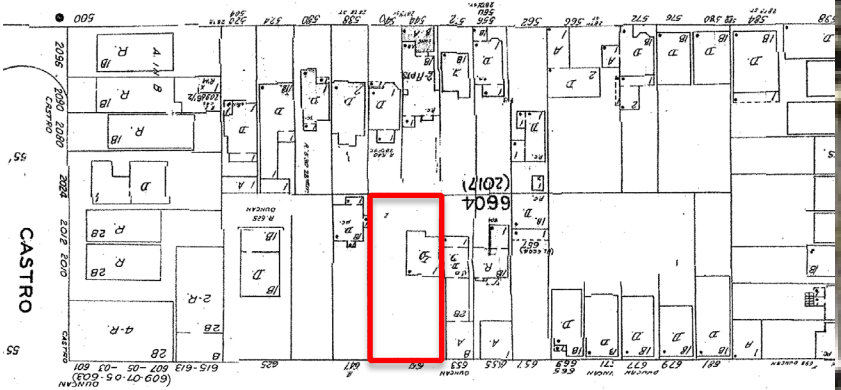
Founded 1955

First national lesbian-rights organization in US

Published *The Ladder* 1956-1970

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon in living room of 651 Duncan Street, 1980s  
Source: GLBT Historical Society.

649-651 DUNCAN STREET, AERIAL PHOTO AND SANBORN MAP (1998)  
SOURCE: PLANNING DEPARTMENT





Source: Planning Department



649-651 DUNCAN STREET, 2020  
SOURCE: YA STUDIO



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651 DUNCAN STREET, 2020. TOP: FRONT FAÇADE AND STAIRS LEADING TO SIDE ENTRY.  
BOTTOM: LIVING ROOM. SOURCE: YA STUDIO



649 DUNCAN STREET, 2020  
SOURCE: YA STUDIO



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