

# Guide to the Liliam Lujan Hickey oral history interviews

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## **Summary Information**

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**Abstract:** Oral history interviews with Liliam Lujan Hickey conducted by

Layne Karafantis on March 18, 2010 and March 25, 2010 for the Women's Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) Las Vegas Women Oral History Project. Hickey begins her interviews describing growing up in Havana, Cuba in the 1930s, getting married at 16, and her life with her family in Cuba until they felt compelled to leave in 1960 to the United States. Hickey recounts her

transition to American culture and moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1964. She then discusses marrying her second husband, Tom Hickey, and her campaign for the Nevada Board of Education. Hickey also talks about a Hispanic community organization she helped created, Circulo Cuban, which eventually merged into the Latin Chamber of Commerce. Finally, she discusses how the organization promotes Hispanic culture, and her work to improve education in Las Vegas, and other community activism.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Scope and Contents Note**

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#### **Acquisition Note**

This interview was conducted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada, part of the UNLV College of Liberal Arts Department of History. Materials from this oral history project were transferred to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives on an ongoing basis ending in 2017; acquisition number 2017-017.

#### **Processing Note**

Interview materials were processed by Karla Irwin in 2019. Access copies were created for digitized and/or born-digital audio and transcript files. Hana Gutierrez wrote the collection

description. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada into a digital format.

#### **Bound Transcript Availability**

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## **Related Materials**

#### **Related Collections**

The following resources will provide additional information related the materials in this collection:

Women's Research Institute of Nevada Oral History Records, 1995-2015. UA-00084. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lilliam Lujan Hickey Papers, 1940-2010. MS-00103. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Nevada, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

- Latin Chamber of Commerce (Nev.)
- Nevada State Board of Education