

# Guide to the Maria Benítez oral history interview

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## **Summary Information**

**Repository:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special

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**Creator:** Benítez, Maria M., 1964-

**Contributor:** Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project

**Title:** Maria Benítez oral history interview

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**Description:** 

**Language of the** This interview was conducted in Spanish. The transcript is in

**Material:** both English and Spanish.

**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Maria Benítez conducted by

Monserrath Hernández and Maribel Estrada Calderón on June 21, 2019 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. Maria Benítez is the image of a hardworking and determined Salvadoran woman. After facing adversity amidst the Salvadorian Civil War she talks about her journey as a nurse in El Salvador and migrating to the United States. Here in Las Vegas, she has worked as a cook on the Strip, been an active member of her church, and supported the education of her children selling pupusas. Subjects discussed include: El Salvador,

Salvadorian Civil War, Migration, US Citizenship Documentation,

and Judaism.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Bound Transcript Availability**

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- Salvadorans
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Immigrants
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- Civil war
- El Salvador
- Nurses