



Guide to the Amanda "Alex" Aikens oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Amanda "Alex" Aikens conducted by Barbara Tabach on December 28, 2017 for the Remembering 1 October Oral History Project. In this interview, Aikens discusses the support she provided for the community after the October 1, 2017 shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada along with the event at First Friday that she organized to provide counseling services for those in need. She describes her usage of Facebook as a social media platform to keep the community posted on the shooting as well as any advice and resources for those who wanted to help. Aikens expands upon her realization that people felt the need to contribute and discusses her efforts to gather a group of therapy volunteers that eventually grew so large an event space was needed. In addition to the volunteers who provided counseling and other event functions, she mentions a few of the companies that made the event possible with a donation of resources, such as First Friday that offered room space and a nearby office that supplied furniture.

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legacy interviews. This interview transcript received minimal editing and all measures have been taken to preserve the style and language of the narrator. The interviewee/narrator was not involved in the editing process. A digital version (PDF) of the transcript is available for research use. The audio and transcript have been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Las Vegas Shooting, Las Vegas, Nev., 2017
- Mass shootings
- Mental health
- Mental health services
- Social media
- Volunteers
- First Friday Foundation (Las Vegas, Nev.)