

# Guide to the Ashley "Ms. Aye Vee" Vargas oral history interview

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## **Summary Information**

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Puerto Ricans
- East Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Poets

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- Colorism
- Latinxs
- Student Organization of Latinos