



Guide to the Elda Membreno oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Elda Membreno conducted by Elsa Lopez on February 15, 2019 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. Elda Membreno discusses her childhood and young adulthood growing up in El Salvador. She recalls her family struggling financially throughout her childhood, which caused her parents to make the trip to the United States and began financially supporting Elda and her siblings abroad. Membreno shares how she became a single mother at a young age and the struggles that came along with that. After remarrying, Elda and her new husband immigrated to California. In 2004, the couple moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, and Membreno began working as housekeeper. Membreno discusses the problems she faced in her marriage and shares how her experiences have caused her to become outspoken about the problems she has faced throughout her life. Elda is a big advocate for therapy, and she talks about how many Latin households must break the stigma of domestic abuse. Finally, Membreno discusses her involvement in the Culinary Workers Union Local 226 and her various civic engagements.

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Scope and Contents Note

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- Culinary Workers Union Local 226