



Guide to the Victor Chicas oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Victor Chicas conducted by Elsa Lopez on February 15, 2019 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. Victor Chicas describes his childhood in El Salvador, sharing what it was like to grow up before and during the Salvadoran Civil War. Victor was very involved in the politics at the time, and was frequently caught up in dangerous protests against the Salvadoran police forces. Chicas talks about his experiences protesting at his university and about the riots that happened there. Victor recounts his story of immigration, and moving to Los Angeles, California as a young man. Victor talks about the different states his family has lived in and compares them to the quality of life he has found in Las Vegas, Nevada. Chicas discusses his time working at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino and recalls his experiences working the night of the 1 October mass shooting. He shares his views on the importance of social justice and political activism, citing the shooting and his experiences as his primary reason for being an activist.

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Scope and Contents Note

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- Salvadorans -- United States
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- Las Vegas Shooting, Las Vegas, Nev., 2017
- Emigration and immigration
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- El Salvador -- History -- Civil War, 1979-1992
- Social justice
- Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino
- Culinary Workers Union Local 226