

# Guide to the Olivia Díaz oral history interviews

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## **Summary Information**

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Martinez and Barbara Tabach on August 31 and September 14, 2020 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. In the first interview, Díaz gives her family and personal history, growing up in Las Vegas but often visiting her family in Durango, Mexico for extended stays. She recalls her matriarchal upbringing, particularly while living in Mexico, and what life was like growing up and going to school in East Las Vegas and at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). Subjects discussed include: Mexico; Latina identity. In the second interview, Díaz talks about her English language education career for the Clark County School District (CCSD) and the events that led her to run for Nevada Assembly and Las Vegas City Council. She is presently Nevada's Assemblywoman for District 11 and Las Vegas' Councilwoman for Ward 3. Olivia concludes her interview with insights into her political and educational goals for the community and the initiatives she has focused on in light of the

COVID-19 pandemic.

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- Mexican Americans
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- Catholic Church
- Education (Higher)
- Women in politics -- Nevada
- Clark County (Nev.) -- Politics and government
- City council members
- COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Clark County School District (Nev.)