



## Guide to the Sam Diaz oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Contributor:</b>	Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Sam Diaz conducted by Elsa Lopez on January 03, 2020 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. In this interview, Diaz discusses his upbringing in Chula Vista, California. He describes growing up near the United States-Mexico border and going to a school where instruction was initially in Spanish. Diaz recalls joining the United States Air Force in 2001, the impact that September 11, 2001 had on him, and being deployed to Iraq for two years. Later, Diaz talks about about difficulties he faced when readjusting to civilian life, moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2007, and obtaining a job with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD). Diaz recalls the October 1, 2017 shooting and changes that the LVMPD implemented after the tragedy. He talks about adopting two children, the process of becoming a foster parent, and raising his children to speak Spanish. Lastly, Diaz discusses his goals as the chair of the Hispanic Recruitment Council with the LVMPD and the changes that are happening in law enforcement in an attempt to mirror the demographics of the Las Vegas community.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Latinxs
- Mexican Americans
- Las Vegas Shooting, Las Vegas, Nev., 2017
- Military life
- Las Vegas (Nev.). Metropolitan Police Department