



## Guide to the Ashok Mirchandani oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Contributor:</b>	Reflections: the Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project
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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.)
- India
- Small business
- Mental health
- Model minority stereotype