



## Guide to the Cherina Kleven oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Taiwan
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Immigrants -- Cultural assimilation

- Race discrimination
- Women labor union members
- Affirmative action programs -- Nevada -- Clark County
- Fire chiefs
- Fire fighters
- Fire departments
- Las Vegas Fire & Rescue