



## Guide to the Rodel Fuentes 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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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Rodel Fuentes conducted by Tracy Fuentes on December 4, 2021 for Reflections: The Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project. Rodel Fuentes tells stories of his upbringing in Manila, Philippines, where he was raised in a shared family home amongst his parents, siblings, aunts, and uncles. He talks about his parents' immigration to the United States and how he later joined them in Los Angeles, California where he met and married his wife. Rodel Fuentes shares the couple's decision to move to Las Vegas, Nevada, his work at Dunn Edwards paint company, and how he became a licensed general contractor and real estate agent where he now owns his own company. Rodel Fuentes discusses his thoughts on Las Vegas' diversity, affordability, restaurants, and Asian community. He also talks about experiencing anti-Asian hate, worsened by misconceptions and discrimination that came from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Processing Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Immigrants
- Community development
- Minority business enterprises
- Race discrimination