

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Chavez-Thompson, Lydia "Linda"

DATE OF INTERVIEW: August 12, 2010

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER: Daniel U. Sánchez

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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1:20

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Linda Chavez-Thompson discusses her experiences in the labor movement, her career and reasons for running for the Texas Lieutenant Governor's position. She sheds light on her childhood memories.

ABSTRACT:

FILE	TIME STAMP
Background	0:01
Born in Lorenzo, Texas	
Father was a cotton farmer	
Childhood memories	
Hardships of working on a cotton farm	
Moved to Idalou, Texas	
Had to drop out of school	
Family	0:10
Grandfather	
Her marriage	
Proposal	
Bonding between her husband and father	
How she met her husband	
Oldest sister raised by grandparents	

Career after marriage	0:25
Interview for a secretarial job	
Description of the job	
How she convinced her father to join the union	
Became district council representative for North Texas	
Initial negotiations	0:35
First negotiation with her father	
Her negotiation with city	
Became International Union Representative	
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)	
Election as Executive Vice President of AFL-CIO	
Lieutenant Governor's campaign	0:45
Reasons for running	
Campaign to increase the vote of Hispanics	
Problems with current state of affairs	
Getting people angry about what they don't have	
Strategies to help Texans	0:58
Talking to the citizens	
Representing the "little people"	
Immigration	1:02
Incident with grandfather	
Arizona HB SN1070	
Backlashes in Texas	
Closing Comments	1:08
Remembering childhood memories	
Humiliation faced by poor people	
Having no regrets about not going to high school	
Experiences in labor movement	
Elections	
Interview ended	

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:	1944
GENDER OF INFORMANT:	Female
ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:	Hispanic