

**ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION**

**MAIN ENTRY:** Langston, David Rowe  
**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** July 11, 2002  
**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Lubbock, Texas  
**INTERVIEWER:** Daniel U. Sánchez  
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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** David Langston talks about his experiences serving as Mayor of Lubbock, Texas and his involvement in downtown and North Overton Redevelopment. Note: This interview is part of the North Overton Redevelopment Collection.

**ABSTRACT:**

<b>TAPE 1</b>	<b>TIME STAMP</b>
Introduction Family background	:00
North Overton neighborhood Downtown redevelopment Involvement in St. John's Methodist Church Historical significance of downtown Lubbock Downtown festivals on Broadway	
Elected as Mayor of Lubbock Texas Tech University involvement in city revitalization Concerns about North Overton neighborhood Code violations Eviction process	:10
McDougal redevelopment plans	

Largest urban redevelopment project in the United States  
Redevelopment process

Relocation of residents :19

- Criminal activity and displacement
- Decrease in Ramirez Elementary School's attendance
- Increased cost of living
- New housing and residents

Abandoned structures

- Redevelopment schedule
- Used by homeless people
- Safety hazards

Neighborhood demographics

- Impact of resident relocation
- Differences in income level
- Political influence

Goals of North Overton Redevelopment :28

- Diverse residential population
- Cosmopolitan neighborhood
- Quality housing

Interview ends

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** January 16, 1953

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:**