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**Interview Abstract**

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Interviewee(s) : Diana Palacios G3mez  
Interviewer(s) : Priscilla Marie Martinez  
Project: Family Life & Community History  
Subproject (where applicable) Here We Remain: The Legacy of El  
Movimiento in Crystal City, Texas  
Interview date: July 19, 2012  
Interview location: Crystal City, Texas  
Recording medium; duration: digital audio file; 1.27 hr.

Abstract

Diana Palacios G3mez was a Mexican American civil rights activist in Crystal City; birth in Crystal City, Texas, 1951; early life and family background in Crystal City, Texas; recollections of migrant farm labor; recollections of discrimination in education towards Mexican Americans in Crystal City schools; recollection of events leading up to the walkout, 1968; recollections of the walkout, 1969, motivation, organization, community response; recollections of Crystal City community after the walkout, education, social, Anglo response, Mexican American response; elected county clerk, 1978-1984; discussions of the legacy of Crystal City, local, national; recollections of public service, county clerk, housing authority director, city manager, school board, Teaching and Mentoring Communities [formerly Texas Migrant Council]; recollections of changes in Crystal City community, education, political, social, economics; discussions of *el movimiento* [the movement], short-term and long-term outcomes, legacy, successes, failures; recollections of employment as Crystal City Housing Authority director.

*Abstract written by: Priscilla Martinez*