

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Rosie Diaz.

2 MS. DIAZ: Hi. My name is Rosie Diaz, and I work as
3 a guest room attendant in a union hotel. I've been working
4 there for four years. I have four sons and daughters and two
5 granddaughters. The first one is Louise, 23; Emilio, 16; Eric,
6 13; Edith, 14. I've only been in Las Vegas for five years.
7 Before I came to Las Vegas I was living in El Paso, Texas with
8 my husband and my kids. When I separated my husband in 1990,
9 and he realize that I'm not gonna go back with him together he
10 kidnap three of my kids. I didn't know what to do and I was
11 living on welfare and I don't know what to do. When I went to a
12 lawyer I said that he still had my kids but he told me there's
13 nothing I can do if I don't get a good job and prove that I can
14 support my kids. It was hard for me to get custody of my kids.
15 In El Paso, Texas the only job I could get was the minimum wage.
16 I couldn't do nothing about it.

17 In 1993 I decide to come to Las Vegas. My first job
18 in Las Vegas was \$7 an hour and out of that I had to pay \$78 for
19 my insurance only. A year after I went and looked for my kids
20 and I tracked them down in Los Cruceez, New Mexico. I brought my
21 kids with me and I brought them to my little apartment in Las
22 Vegas, Nevada. Then I realize I need a better job. So I keep
23 working in the Travel Lodge and I also get a job at Luxor. When
24 I got my job at Luxor after a little while I qualify to get me a
25 house and that was my dream for my kids that we were together
26 again I wanted them to live in a house. I feel so proud of my

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1 kids. Edith worked hard in school. She wanted to be a nurse.
2 Eric is a typical 13-year-old boy but is a good boy. Emilio is
3 real hard worker young man. Louise, she works hard and she has
4 work hard for her two daughters. In 1994 I met my husband in
5 church and got put him in my way. My family and I we struggle a
6 lot but we made it together.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you, Ms. Diaz.

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