

Son: Welcome to today's interview. Thank you for joining me in my interview Mom. Uh... Let's start off with, ummm... How long have you lived in Tacoma?

Mom: How long?

Son: Yeah.

Mom: Since 1996 until 2023.

Son: Mmm... Is there a reason why you came down here?

Mom: Yes, after I got married with your dad and then I moved down here.

Mom: I used to live in California. So you move down here with your dad. Come live with him, and his mom.

Son: Moving on. Have you ever experienced any microaggressions in this community?

Mom: Yes, doing that time when I used to live in California a long time, maybe a year. 2000, 95 or 93.

Son: 2093?

Mom: No

[Laughing]

Mom: 1990, no 1993. I'm done high school. That time I was in uhh... Middle, middle school,

Son: Middle school?

Mom: Yeah, during that time 1989, I used to go High School. And there's some kid they bullying me. They spit on your face, they pour some milk on you. When you ride a bus, they always try to Have a fight with us. That's not really, that, that, time, really bad time.

Son: And how did you feel when they did that to you?

Mom: I feel bad when I went up to the counselor and the counselor, don't do anything. The next day they do the same thing until I move out. I change the school. Kids they all

really bad that time. And I feel so lonely, mercy, no one.

Son: So sorry to hear that. I know that's a personal thing that you experience. But have you seen other people like other students experience the same thing like you?

Mom: No, some, that time That time when you have friends in school, they won't do anything if you lonely by yourself. The kid they try to pick on you.

Son: Ohhh

Mom: Yeah, that's the reason thing. I was lonely by myself go to high, I mean middle school by myself.

Son: Okay, let's change the subject. So let's talk more about you. Where exactly are you at in life?

Mom: Right now? Right now, all I think is about my job, working support for all my kids, my family. So, my kids will. All I think, is I help them. I hope they have really good successful and go to school. Have a better job. That's all I want in my life. All my kids.

Son: Thank you for sharing that. Now, what is something from your culture that you wish more people in this area practiced?

Mom: Okay, one of the thing about, I want the other people do is before you step in entering the owner, the people in the house, you have to take off their shoe and the hats. And respect the owner people because in our country because, sometimes there's some people they might sleep on the floor and owner, they clean very hard. That's what the most important that they have to respect the owner. That's one very important thing.

Son: Thank you for sharing that and I would like to shift this conversation back to you. How is it like growing up in your childhood?

Mom: My growing up childhood? When I, I think doing the war time with vietnam war time, whatever. When I, I didn't know anything yet, they adopt me in the family in California, they adopt me. So, I don't know. Think about my dad mom's face or my mom. My mom face on my, I have sister not, it's just by myself. So, they the adopted family they take care of me. But not as, much treat you pretty good as their kid, you know. At the goal school come back home. I have to do housework cooking all the stuff and take care babysitter. And sometime when I really need money. Go shopping for the school clothes. I have to ask them, they give me \$50 for my clothes and the only store I can afford is a goodwill. I have to go buy clothes from the goodwill to wear to school. And after that, when I grow up like a Starting go high school. Taking a bus by myself a city

bus. When I graduate high school to have to ride a city bus, go by myself, nobody support me. So, and after that, after I finish high school. And then I meet your dad, he fly from Washington to California so I meet him. So we got married all I wish I can get really good families. Support my kid. I have kid my own kid family and your dad. All I wish is he treat me pretty good because I got no parent or no family. And right now, your dad work very hard for us and he got no mom and dad too, same thing, we all have the same life. All I need is I have a very good kid, very successful, and get the job and a car. Everything that's all we want. Yeah, that's how the life.

Son: Thank you for sharing that. How has society been treating you ever since you moved to Washington?

Mom: How good?

Son: Yeah

Mom: Since I moved to Washington? I meet a lot of nice people. When I go to work there, I meet nice people, they really friendly. And I work in a like a like a casino table game sometime.

I meet nice players sometime bad player they're in a bad mood. So my day sometime really happy days, sometime bad day for me when I come back home. And sometime when I get off from work went shopping and meet nice people, they really friendly when I have less thing to line up to cash out. They let you go out. They let you go first or some people they not. They talk to you bad when its the bad people. They not, you know, lost kind of people. Sometimes they really good moon, good mood,

Son: Right.

Mom: Yeah. Not all the time people they good mood. Or sometime, when I went to see a like doctor appointment, same thing, they good mood, they talk really nice to you and if they not they talk not really sweet to you. So people always changing around.

Son: And, how does that make you feel? Do you feel. When people treat you like this, in Washington, right? Do you feel like you belong here? Like do you love living in this area?

Mom: Yeah, I do love it this area in Washington. They have a really nice place. The place is all evergreen and I love the weather sometimes really cold most and less hot, but I enjoy the weather, not really bad. So summer time, couple of months, I love to plant stuff, garden. Plant the veggie when it's cold, stay inside the house. That's a good thing. And I really love this place.

Son: Thank you, thank you for sharing that.