Notes

Alan -How long have you lived in this area.

Mrs. Brown lived in Tacoma for almost 25 years.

Alan - Where did you live before Alaska anchorage AK who brought you here.

Mrs. Brown My mom and dad

Alan - What is something from your culture's homeland that you wish more people in this area practiced.

Mrs. Brown I would say probably like different traditions like food like celebrations and things like that like you know like being like black half black it's like you know I didn't know about like Juneteenth until I was like in college like in that's crazy so just knowing about different things that go on that people in the South know about that we don't know in the West Coast

Alan - What are some experiences you had with the microaggression in this community or others oh man I mean the list goes on I would say sure on a day-to-day I mean I would say that working in a I worked at an elementary school in this district before this and I was the only black staff and so having to deal with every single day like the looks of like being the voice for all black people yeah I think that's something that I'm like Oh my gosh it's like you know you really put down because you are the only black staff and that was with trump and stuff like that all that stuff going on so you know just in being I've definitely had that that stereotype of people thinking like I'm not angry black woman if I stand up for things or stand up for kids and things like that so yeah I mean the list goes on.

Alan - Do you see or hear from students who experience racism or other forms of oppression.

Mrs. Brown -Oh yeah of course on the day-to-day all I mean majority of our students deal with it every single day yeah.

Alan - What was an experience or memory from your childhood where you learned about inequality.

Mrs. Brown - I know that when I was in school we would watch that video on Martin Luther King and it was like a cartoon video and it was basically telling his story and there was like a scene of like these white kids like not treating

him right and that was probably like one of those things that I mean I am half white and half black singers like crazy to see like what like people don't get along on so that probably seeing one of those videos alright and the last question describe your tradition or practice that you learned from your family it's always you know our family theme is pretty much like we all we got we always yeah and my family super close so you know family first always yeah like siblings first you know always like you never lie on your siblings you always you know you lie for your siblings and and things like that so yeah it's been great to me for a long time to always put your families first no matter what