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E Eleonora Anedda 00:03

Today is the 18th of March, 2022. My name is Eleonora Anedda, and I'm working as an oral historian for the Institute for Diversity and Civic Life. I am in Sardinia, Italy on a Zoom call with Tina. Tina, would you like to introduce yourself and tell me where you're joining this call from?

T Tina Byram 00:22

Hi, my name is Tina Byram, and I am joined from Austin, Texas.

E Eleonora Anedda 00:28

Wonderful, thank you. So just to start, would you like to tell me a little bit about your childhood?

T Tina Byram 00:34

My childhood. Well, I was born in Orange County, Florida, and then I moved to New Jersey. I lived there until I was about five years old. I grew up in a little town called Flemington, New Jersey. It was a cute little town. And then my parents decided to move to California, so I grew up in south Orange County, California, a place called Mission Viejo, and I went to elementary, junior high, and high school. I grew up in a very affluent area, so it was a very wealthy area. So I had I went to some of the best schools, highest rated educational. I was on the debate team, which they call it Model United Nations, so I had a background in international relations. I went to college there, I graduated at Cal State Long Beach. I met my husband, who was a Texan. He was born in Austin, and he wanted to come back here. And California is a very fast-paced area. It's very ambitious, people are always very cutthroat. And I decided that when I came to visit Austin, it was more slower-paced, a little bit more laid back. So we decided to set roots here, we decided to move here, and we've been here for about ten years.

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Eleonora Anedda 02:14

Did you notice any differences between the communities where you've grown up and you live now? So from New Jersey, California, now Austin.

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Tina Byram 02:24

Absolutely, absolutely. It's interesting. Growing up with people that had money, a lot of my friends had money, so I was able to enjoy the finer things. I mean, my parents weren't rich, but we were comfortable. But my friends had million dollar mansions I got to hang out with. I had friends that took me on trips to - their parents would pay for us to go on trips to Big Bear, full expense, we'd stay in fancy cabins. A lot of my friends had big houses, so we always had a place to hang out. So was it very different. And then moving here, I noticed the income inequality, something that I never even thought about. It opened my eyes to a lot of - not ignorance, but naivete, I guess, because I never had to deal with that. Because growing up, I had a hodgepodge of friends but never thought about their experiences or racism or anything else like that, because we didn't talk about it. It wasn't an issue. Not that it didn't happen. It just wasn't a conversation we had. And then moving here, it opened my eyes. It was very eye-opening to see the differences and to see all the inequality and all the injustice and to want better for my community.

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Tina Byram 04:08

I feel that my education was a benefit, and I feel like everybody deserves the same opportunities that I had. And yes, I was lucky, but I feel like my experience to know what a good school is like, and all that stuff, I feel like that influence helps me be a good advocate. It also helps me understand what I'm striving for, that people should have the same resources. It shouldn't matter where you live, it should still be the same, like good neighborhoods, support from the community, investment. I'm glad I had the upbringing because I feel like I can help bring a different perspective. But it also makes me a little bit more open to be educated, not assume that I know it all, that I have all the answers, because I don't. And that's one thing that's very humbling is I don't have all the answers. I listen to my community. My job is to listen to them and fight for them, not come in and give my opinion, because I don't have the struggle that they have. It's not my place. My place is to be an advocate and say, "This is wrong. You need to help this community. You can't sit back and ignore it." That's the difference I think I take to it.

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Tina Byram 05:49

I don't come in and - because I don't have the answers. I don't, because I didn't grow up that way. I didn't live it. My community needs to educate me how I can help them. I want to be there for them. I want to support them. I want to fight for them. But I don't want to pretend that I have any experience in it. And that's another thing. I'm very cautious about how I approach things, too. When things happen, I don't just go to social media and give my opinion, because I will support and like and say like, "Hey, I'm with you." But I do not put that out there, because I feel that my job is to be educated and to learn from other people's struggle, not to put my two

cents in, because I feel that that's diminishing their experience. That's not supporting their experience. That's minimizing what they have experienced. Because I haven't experienced it. I know nothing about it, so why should I have an opinion on it?

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Eleonora Anedda 06:58

So you were talking a little bit about community and your work. So because we haven't mentioned it explicitly 'til now, would you like to share what your advocate work looks like? And also, because you were talking about community, I wanted to ask you, how do you define the community that you serve?

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Tina Byram 07:22

How do I define them? I define my community as a community that has been neglected and underserved for too many decades. I define them as strong, caring people who need a champion out here. Because a lot of people in my community are working class families. They have multiple kids. They're trying to support their families. They commute into Austin, they're commuters, so they drive, because of our traffic problem, they drive probably two hours to go into work into our staying home. They don't have the time to fight with politicians. They don't have the time to go to meetings constantly to fight for a road. They don't have the time to waste when they're trying to just handle their basic needs, trying to make sure there's food on the table. So I'm blessed enough. I don't have children. I work from home. So I have the time and the resources to put in the time to fight for these issues and share it with my community. And when I need them, they're there to support me. They'll sign the petition. They'll do what they have to do.

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Tina Byram 08:47

But the other thing is the one thing I'm fighting against is the lack of hope, because nothing changes. That's the biggest struggle, is trying to get the community motivated to see it change, because it doesn't change, or it's incremental change. And it's very frustrating. So that's what you're constantly battling is how do I make a difference if it's only incremental? Because they always throw curve balls at you. And so my advocacy work started - I helped start a nonprofit called the Del Valle Community Coalition, and I left due to personal reasons. I had a sick family member, so I had to withdraw. But during the winter storm - so I didn't think I was going to do as much community advocacy because of personal reasons. But fortunately or unfortunately, the winter storm happened, and my community was hit very hard to the point where people lost animals, people's lives were at risk. I mean, we didn't have water, we didn't have gas, and we didn't have electricity in some areas. So it was very dangerous. I mean, this is four days without electricity or different areas of gas levels. It was it was very scary.

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Tina Byram 10:22

And a group of us were talking that we wanted to become an municipality. So this started as we decided that we needed to become a city because we are outside the city limits of Austin. So we were supposed to become an ETJ [extra-territorial jurisdiction]. We're an ETJ so we don't

have any of the city resources that the city provides. So one of the ways we were trying to think about trying to solve our problems was becoming incorporated. So that's how the group started. Well, the winter storm happened, and so we had a consultant come in, volunteer her time to help organize us, and we became the Hornsby Bend Alliance. And this is specifically community-based. It's only in our community. People who join have to live in the area. So right now, we're working on trying to build an emergency response team. That's our first step.

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Tina Byram 11:29

During the recent elections, we had the candidates come out, both Republican and Democrat, to talk to the community, educate people on who the candidates are. So we did that recently. So we function more as trying to give the information to the community. And we were making huge strides. We were working with Lloyd Doggett before the redistricting. We're working on a water bill because we deal with water privatization, so we have a private water company. So we were trying to fight water privatization on a national level, and bring it to the forefront, so that people would know about it, what our struggle is out here, because a lot of people pay between three to four hundred dollars a month in water. Yeah, so that's one of the battles we're fighting. We're fighting Tesla on a road. Tesla is building their plant in the ETJ, and one of the issues is, is that there was a bond that was issued for Harold Green [Road] expansion, and they would like to privatize it. And we're trying to determine if it's beneficial to the community to have access to it through perpetuity, or if they should go with the original plan and keep it a public road. So that's where we're at with them right now. The county commissioners are handling it behind closed doors.

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Tina Byram 13:02

So the redistricting really did my community harm. They split our community through two districts for the commissioner's court. So we're split between Jeff Travillion and Margaret Gómez. And that's caused a lot of problems for us, because we did a lot of work with Jeff Travillion, and we were making headway in a lot of our issues for economic development. Now, we gotta start all over. Now we gotta work with both of them, so that makes it harder. And also our new representative—"I don't know who won the Republican nomination for district 35, but Greg Casar won, and a lot of us are very, very skeptical. I know a lot of people think he's a progressive, but we're skeptical, because we had done so much work with Doggett, and a lot of us feel he doesn't really know our issues, and he really isn't educated in what our community struggles with. And I'll just be perfectly honest, when you're representing a certain area, you should know who you're representing. And there's a lot of news about him, and he's been endorsed by Bernie Sanders and AOC, and they did a lot of rallies downtown, but we're not downtown Austin. We're outside the city limits. So I feel that there was no attention brought to us who he's representing. I mean, maybe parts of Austin he'll be representing, but we're a big voting bloc that no one pays attention to. Nobody pays attention. I mean, we have the lowest voter registration in the entire county, Travis County. Yeah.

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Tina Byram 14:58

And honestly, once I was a VDR [Volunteer Deputy Registrar], and I actually gave my address out, and I was like, "Come to my house, I'll register you, if you have to." But with the new voting laws, I haven't renewed my VDR, because I don't know what type of consequence it will

be if we make a mistake. They've really put a lot of restrictions. So with the new laws that are coming with voting, VDRs could be liable for things, and who wants to be in trouble for fraud? So Texas has made it very hard for voting. So that's another fight. But just to get people registered, it's a challenge. So yeah, there's a lot. There's a lot going on in my community that works against this right now, so I'm trying to be optimistic and hopeful. But our politicians keep throwing curve balls at us. And I don't know how to navigate it, especially because I built all these relationships, and then now I have to start over. And it concerns me, because sometimes I feel that a lot of politicians are doing it because they're trying to get a leg up in their career. It's not about who they're representing. I think that's forgotten along the way, being a civil servant.

T Tina Byram 16:24

So I've seen a lot of things I don't agree with, and it's really opened my eyes about politics and how everything is perceived. People talk about progressives, and how it's just another form of marketing, to be honest. The fifteen dollar, minimum wage, Medicare for all, everything, that's great. But are you paying attention to who you're representing? It feels like it's a marketing campaign. And as a group, they believe all these things. But when it comes down to the nitty gritty, are you paying attention to who you represent and what their issues are? Because water privatization is a big deal. These companies come in, and they price gouge people because they can, because they're a monopoly, and there's no recourse for it. We can't fight anybody, and we have no backing because we're not a municipality, either. So it's really opened my eyes. Politics is an ugly game.

T Tina Byram 17:48

I don't think everything is black and white. Everybody's like, "Oh, the Republicans are so bad. Democrats are so bad." No, I think they're both bad in different ways. I think they're both bad, and it's who can who can cheat the most. And I think there is corruption on both sides, and I don't think the other one wants to see it. I think that's the problem. I don't think the Democrats want to hold a mirror to themselves and see why people don't trust them, and I think the Republicans do the same thing. And I think that's hurting everybody in the long run, because nothing is changing, nothing is getting better. All we're doing is finding ideology, instead of actually getting down to the issues that people care about. How do I put food on my kids' table? Can I get my kid an education? It's those little things, the basic needs, going back to basics. Look, I understand LGBTQ rights, totally for it. I'm totally for Medicare for all. I'm all for these things, but you have to be able to sell it so people understand it in a basic level.

T Tina Byram 18:55

I think that's the problem is messaging. It's more like, "Let's be mad at this company for someone did this." It almost sounds like petty high school drama, instead of actually getting down to the issues. It doesn't communicate well, it just seems people perceive it as petty. It's very frustrating. It's very frustrating. And it doesn't make sense, because we're not changing anything. And my community suffers all the time, and I have to watch people's bills, paying for \$300 for water. I mean, that's a necessity. We can't live without water. So it just puts in perspective how, when you live in a community that's so underserved, and so

underrepresented, you really see things in perspective and it changes your outlook on how you perceive politics, how you perceive community, everything. And it really makes things at a small level - you have to fight harder, and you have to keep your faith, I mean, seriously, that things will change. But sometimes it's very, very sad, it's hard.

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Eleonora Anedda 20:20

I have a question, and I don't know if you want to share this, but was there an epiphany or a particularly key moment in your life that led you to do this work?

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Tina Byram 20:35

Wow, was there an epiphany? Well, yes. Growing up, there was one thing that had the benefit - I had a teacher in high school, her name was Ms. [Name], and she was my Model United Nations teacher. And she was really unique, because she gave us something that we did not get in any of my other classes. She gave us a world view. So one thing we got to study was different countries. We got to study mass genocides, we got to learn the history of Russia, Africa, every continent in the world, we took history for. And one of the things that she used to do was, we had to read the newspaper every day. Part of our curriculum was we had to recite something that was going on in the world. And knowing that knowledge and history gave me a perspective of wanting to make the world a better place. Until something happened in my community that inspired it, but I think that world view helped me be able to navigate politics on a small level, understanding that.

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Tina Byram 22:23

And I think the moment that it took for me to get involved in the community, was one of my neighbors was robbed. It started getting us together to start a neighborhood watch or try to engage the community. It was small to start. We've had a lot of failures, it failed. But it was just the drive that to keep going inch by inch to get more involved and see what the best way to advocate for the community was. The neighborhood watch didn't work, so we tried the nonprofit. That didn't seem to work, because the messaging didn't align, because Del Valle is such a huge, huge territory. It was too big. And then I was like, "Okay, so that didn't work out." So then the Hornsby Alliance. Well, I'm like, "Well, why don't I do a group that's just my community base?" Which is working better, because it's smaller scale, and it's just focusing on my community. So that's been helpful, because if you have too much territory to navigate, it's too hard, too many issues.

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Tina Byram 23:36

And then one thing I learned during the nonprofit I was with, that our issues between two districts were so different. They had issues with housing, they had issues with the city, because half of their territory's within the city limits. So that was the other thing. We were in two different territories. We're in the ETJ. We don't we don't have a city council member. So I learned a lot by failure. I know that sounds weird, but I learned a lot by failure. And I think that's what keeps me going, is I'm like, "You just have to experiment." But I think it was that

world perspective, and then when somebody needed my help, I think that was when I decided like, "Okay, I want to help somebody." It's my contribution to make a little bit better in the world. And I think Ms. [Name] always inspired that. She always wanted us to think bigger. She all wanted us to go into international relations or something like that, or be diplomats and stuff like that, because she always believed that the world could be a better place. And I think her influence was a big part of my life. She was my mentor. She was my friend. She was very fascinating. Her mom was a Holocaust survivor. She was just such a inspiration, and I think that stuck with me throughout the years. Anything we can do to make the world a better place, even in the small aspects. And I think that probably stuck with me.

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Tina Byram 25:19

And I think that's what inspired me to get involved, even if it was something simple as somebody got robbed and needed help. It's a simple thing to help, reaching out. And I do little things for my community at times. One of my neighbors, she had her wallet stolen, and all this stuff, and she needed masks. It's right at the height of COVID, and they're an elderly couple. And she posted she didn't have - I paid for the masks, and she couldn't believe it, that I paid for the masks. It was a simple thing. It wasn't a big deal, but it meant something to her. It's those little acts of kindness that add up. I think we forget that nowadays in society, little things of acts of kindness that can make a difference to somebody, that might seem insignificant to you, but can mean a whole world of difference to somebody else.

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Tina Byram 26:19

And I think the other problem is, one thing I've learned is that a lot of progressives, and everything else, they focus too big on national issues. Yes, those are important, but you can have so much influence on your local every day. I think that's what I would hope that I could inspire people to do is to get involved in local politics, because local politics affects your everyday life. It's really the core value of how to learn how to navigate politics. But even if I can testify at a national level, but I started at the local level, to understanding how it all functions, and how it all works, and what the pitfalls are, and everything else, how bonds work, everything else. And I think it's such a huge untapped resource to learn politics, instead of worrying about the national level. Because taking laws take longer in Congress than it does just in the local level. They're always making laws or changing something. And the different conflicts between factions, I mean, look at what happened with Abbott and Adler, over COVID. And that was significant, the back and forth, and getting the state, and how they were fighting, and how they had to go to court, and stuff like that. Those things are important, and to understand that at a local level gives you a big picture of the bigger things and what you're fighting for. I hope that answered your question.

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Eleonora Anedda 28:05

Yeah, that totally makes sense. And I actually wanted to tell you that it's, at least for the people that I've interviewed for this collection, Voices of Change, you're definitely the first one who works with a very small community, because all the other people that I've interviewed so far,

they do focus on bigger, as you said, national level issues. So I just wanted to say that. I have another question for you. Did you grow up with religion or spirituality? And if yes, did it influence or does it influence the work that you do today?

T Tina Byram 28:55

Oh, religion's very interesting in my family. So my family is Jewish. So that was really interesting. But my mother had to convert before she married my father, because she was Catholic. So religion was always a conflict in my family. My grandmother wanted me raised Catholic, and my parents want me raised Jewish, and that was always a conflict. So it's very complicated, religion. So my relationship with religion is actually I would say I was kind of lost growing up with religion, because I was afraid to embrace either one, because it was such a conflict in my family. But now I think I'm more religious now than I was then, but I think it's because I chose my path. I will always have my Jewish heritage. I grew up that way, so I see it that way. But I think mostly, I would consider myself nondenominational, that's the type of church I go to, because I guess I like to take a little bit from every single place.

T Tina Byram 30:27

In college, I took this religious class, and he was interesting. He was a Jesuit priest, and he was so fascinating. He told a story once, and I loved it. He talked about that the problem with religion is that - so he was talking as a Jesuit priest that they believe that there were seven prophets. That each each prophet, Moses, Jesus, Buddha, each one of them have a piece of the puzzle. And that problem is that because these fractions of religion can't work together and see all the pieces that it caused conflict instead of actually solving it. And then all the mysteries, if we looked at all the religions together, that we would find all our answers and solve a lot of our problems. And it was the "seventh seal" that he would call it. And I always thought that was interesting, because growing up, it was like, "If you're Jewish, you have to be Jewish. You have to believe everything that that is. And if you're Catholic, you gotta be Catholic, and the priest," and that. To me, it was too much of a force. It was too structural. And when I questioned things, that was hard. That was hard. And it always got me in trouble, because I questioned everything.

T Tina Byram 32:07

So I was very close to my maternal grandmother. She was awesome. I loved her to pieces. And when she died, I was really sad. I was really sad. And at one point, I actually I went the opposite way. So through grief, I decided to become a born again Christian for a very short amount of time, because I was lost, I was missing her. We talked about everything. And during that time, I didn't fit in there either. Because I would go to Bible study, I asked too many questions, and I wasn't getting answers. And I asked questions like, "Well, why are you against abortion? Why?" Or I started asking questions, "Well, this doesn't make sense to me. Why are we being negative?" I asked too many questions that didn't go well. So I didn't last long in the tradition. I didn't last long because I started questioning everything.

T Tina Byram 33:13

And I think the first time I actually felt at home in a church was with Mary [Wilson]. Mary really, oh my gosh, Mary really inspired me. When I met Mary, it was like my eyes were opened. And I enjoyed Bible study with her, and she opened my eyes to, "It doesn't have to be black and white." Nothing has to be. You can question things. You can not have all the answers, but you can still have faith. Nothing is set in stone. You don't have to be rigid, and you don't have to have all the [answers]. Asking questions is good, asking these questions, questioning how society handles religion was great. And the fact that she's in the LGBTQ community, that makes it even better. And my aunt, who was the one who really convinced me to go to church and get baptized and stuff, she was so mad. She was so mad. I invited her to my church for Ash Wednesday, and she refused to go. She refused to go. Yeah. Because it bothered her.

T Tina Byram 34:34

Because I feel that using religion to hurt people bothers me. It always has. It really bothers me. When people say, "You're going to go to hell for this, or for being gay, or whatever you are," I can't take it. It feels like such an injustice to me, and I think that really resonates with me. So yeah, religion growing up, I was really against it. That was another thing. I'll take a step back. When growing up, being in a Jewish family, my Christian friends - Saddleback Church where I grew up was a big, big church. A lot of people attended that church. And some of my friends would tell me because I was Jewish, I was going to hell. And I think that made me resentful towards religion for a long time. It's like, "Well, how could God tell me I'm going to hell because I'm not gonna believe this way?" And it made me obstinate. It made me obstinate. Not that I didn't have faith, but it made me obstinate. It always made me obstinate. When someone would say that, I tell them, I'd go, "Well, save me a spot." My friend told me once, and I'll never forget this. He said, "You would be the person that would argue with your maker." I'd go, "Probably." Probably, yeah, that I would sit there and yell at my maker, tell him off because I don't agree with something.

E Eleonora Anedda 36:19

That's funny. Thank you for sharing that story. I have one last question for you, but before I asked that, I wanted to make sure, is there anything that I haven't asked that it feels important for you to share? Something we haven't talked about yet?

T Tina Byram 36:37

No, no, I think this is spot on. So yep.

E Eleonora Anedda 36:43

So my last question for you is, since this interview will be archived, and people may listen to it in the future, in twenty, fifty, years? Is there a message you want to shoot in the future? Maybe some hopes and dreams that you have for your community, or just anything you'd like to say to future listeners.

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Tina Byram 37:07

You sure you want me to answer that question? [laughs] Yeah, I do want to say something. I feel that we need to change. We need to be better humans. We need to need to treat our environment better. We need to invest in our future and preserve this beautiful planet that we have. And we need to stop being greedy and selfish and thinking of ourselves. We need to start being selfless and start learning the principles that we grew up with. I mean, it's as simple as - even if you're an atheist, I don't care. The the core principle is treat others as you treat yourself. We learned that in elementary school. We can do that. I think we muddy the waters by ideology, and who's right, who's wrong, and we have to be right on principle, instead of just listening and learning from each other and growing and making each other better people. We're so caught in the weeds and our selfishness and our anger and animosity, and we judge each other so much. People look down at homeless, they look down at people that are suffering from drug [addiction], or they judge prostitutes, everybody.

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Tina Byram 38:29

We judge so much and we're so judgmental, and it's like, "Why? Why do we judge each other? What does it matter?" We're all in this together. I mean, we don't know that person circumstance. We don't know their story. Everybody has a story, so why do we have to punish people for their choices? Why not understand each other and be supportive and find out the truth? I mean, what does it matter? These principles of being hateful and mean just to be mean? Yeah, we need to be better people. We need to put our environment first, we need to change. And you know what, it's not just us. If we're going to have big corporations, they need to change too. Everybody's got to change to make this planet better. Can't just always be the small person. It has to be globally. The mindset has to change. Look at all the conflicts that are happening. It sounds me. Just view Russia and Ukraine right now. I mean, all those people are suffering. Everybody's suffering. It's not just the Ukrainians. It's also the Russians. It's everybody that's suffering for no reason. Because this person, this leader thinks by taking something by force to punish somebody - what does that accomplish? All it's going to do is cause pain and suffering. That's enough. There's too much suffering in the world.

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Tina Byram 40:05

I'm a pacifist. I don't believe in war. I think that everything could be handled through diplomatic communication. And honestly, the hypocrisy of it all. We have to face our history and what we've done wrong. We gotta face the fact that we had slavery in this country. We have to face the fact that six million Jews were - we have to face everybody has a stain on their conscience. And honestly, it's our job to be better in the future, to take those lessons and improve, make it better. Be better people. People ignore history because they want to forget it. Well, we can't. We're doing the same things over and over. And they say, segregation doesn't exist, it does. My community's a perfect example. I mean, look at the demographics in the different schools. Lakeway probably has predominantly Caucasian children, and my community probably has predominantly Latino and Black children. So that's segregation in itself, and we're not seeing that. We're not seeing, which is just another historical - money. There we go, if you have money, you go to a good school. It all comes down to economics as well.

T Tina Byram 41:28

So we're not striving to make society better, all we're doing is making people weaker, and feel less. People are struggling. It shouldn't be a struggle. You shouldn't have to work four or five jobs to just have a family. We just have to change. We have to be better, and we have to do it as a unit. We all have to come together worldwide. We gotta change our thinking. Conflicts like Israel and Palestine, and they have to change. We have to change our thinking, because innocent people are dying for no reason, and it's not right. It doesn't matter if you believe one side or the other. Conflict happens because two sides don't agree, so we have to find some solution. And what kills me is that the leaders that do want change, they end up killed or assassinated to fight for a better future. Gotta change that. Those leaders should be lifted up. So conflict has to change. We all have to change. We can't be selfish anymore. We have to think of everybody as a whole, because we can't do it without each other. Doesn't matter. Every country, we have to do it together. It can't be isolationist, we have to be globalist, and we have to work together.

T Tina Byram 42:45

And we also have to change our economics, too. We got to stop consuming, and we have to be smart about things. We just have to change our thinking. we have to stop thinking that money is everything. It's not, because you can't take it with you. We're all gonna die. We're all gonna go back to the earth. Rich, poor, doesn't matter. We end up in the same spot. So I don't know. That's what I think, is we have to change as a society. We have to be better. And I'm hoping that future generations, once I'm gone, I hope they do that. They fight for a better future. And also, we can't sit back when injustice, we can't sit back. That's the other thing. One last thing is injustice. We can't sit back and let allow it to happen. You have to put your life on the line, even if you're afraid to fight for justice, doesn't matter. It doesn't matter. If you sacrifice your life, that's important, because that's what needs to change. And we've done it, historically, people have done it before. So if there's tyrants and everything else, we have to change that. We have to fight. I don't think [cowardice] works. Yeah, so that's what I think.

E Eleonora Anedda 44:11

Well, thank you for sharing that. I really appreciate it. So if there isn't anything else that you'd like to say, I can go ahead and stop the recording.

T Tina Byram 44:20

Okay.