

Lizette Delgado-Polanco Interview



Interviewed by Ivette Mendez

at

1 Washington Street,
Newark, NJ 07102

September 14, 2012

Transcribed by Ivette Mendez
Edited by Ivette Mendez

Identifier/catalog number	
Project	New Jersey Latino Oral History Project of the New Jersey Hispanic Research & Information Center at Newark Public Library. Theme: Justice
Interviewee and title	Lizette Delgado-Polanco, Executive Director, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) New Jersey State Council.
Interviewer and title	Ivette Mendez
Title	Interview of Lizette Delgado-Polanco
Summary	Oral history of Lizette Delgado-Polanco. The theme of the interview is justice.
Number of interviews	One
Interview date(s)	Sept. 14, 2012
Transcript note	Every effort has been made to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the audio recording in this transcription. The interview was transcribed as per the Hispanic Reference Collection's Oral History Transcription Guidelines and the Baylor Institute for Oral History's <i>Style Guide</i> , at http://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=23607
Citation note	Preferred Citation: Interview of Lizette Delgado-Polanco by Ivette Mendez 9/14/2012; Hispanic Reference Collection of the NJ Hispanic Research & Information Center at The Newark Public Library.
Sound recordings note	Available in MP3 or Archival CD at the PRCA upon request.
Additional notes	For an extended list of topic areas discussed in this oral history, please see pages 40 - 41.
Subjects—Library of Congress	
Preliminary editor	Elizabeth Parker
Final editor	Ivette Mendez

Topic Areas (page #s)

Organizations

- Committee for Working Families (18-20)
- Democratic National Party (34)
- Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees [HERE] (15-16)
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers [IBEW] (14)
- Latino Action Network (31-32)
- El Partido Revolucionario Dominicano [Dominican Revolutionary Party] (4)
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) New Jersey State Council (1, 26-31)

People

- Bush, George Walker (27)
- Castro, Julián [Mayor, San Antonio, TX] (32, 34-35, 37)
- Christie, Christopher James “Chris” (27)
- Corzine, Jon Stevens [Governor - NJ] (20-21)
- Edwards, John [U.S. Senator] (33)
- Farber, Zulima (21)
- Gore, Albert Arnold “Al,” Junior [U.S. Vice President, Senator] (20, 33)
- Guzman Fernandez, Antonio (6)
- Kerry, John [U.S. Senator] (33)
- Martinez, Rafael Mendez [father] (3)
- McGreevey, James Edward “Jim” [Governor - NJ] (18-20, 21-22, 23)
- Menendez, Robert “Bob” [U.S. Senator] (34)
- Obama, Barack Hussein [U.S. President] (26, 31, 35)
- Rodriguez, Idida (23)
- Romney, Mitt [Governor - MA] (33-34)
- Rosario, Jose Ramon [grandfather] (2, 3, 4, 5-7, 9, 10, 26)
- Rosario, Magaly [mother] (2, 3, 12)
- Rosario, Rosa Amalia (grandmother) (4, 5-7, 32)
- Ryan, Paul [U.S. Congressman] (33-34)
- Saralegui, Cristina (35)
- Thomas, Regena (25)
- Whelan, James [State Senator-NJ] (18)
- Whitman, Christine Todd “Christie” [Governor - NJ] (19)

Places

- Dominican Republic (2-3, 5-7, 9)
- New Jersey (7, 8, 22, 24, 30, 35)
 - Atlantic City (12-13, 15, 17-18)
 - Hammonton (8-9, 12)
- New York (6)
 - Bronx (2-7)

Institutions

- Atlantic Community College (12, 15)
- Legal Services of New Jersey (29)
- National Labor College (37)
- New Jersey Division on Civil Rights (14)
- Sands Casino [Atlantic City, NJ] (13)

Subjects

- Bilingual (5-6, 8, 9-10, 11, 16, 36)
- Community Organizer (17, 19, 20)
- Democratic National Convention (26, 31-35)
 - 2012 (31-32)
 - Latino Agenda (33-34)
 - Latino Caucus (35)
- Discrimination (14-15, 16, 22)
- Dominican Republic, Politics (2, 4, 6, 10)
- Diversity (8, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22-24, 35)
- Education (4, 9-10, 11, 12-13, 15, 37)
- Elections (17, 20-21, 22, 31, 31, 33)
 - Latino Demographics (19, 23)
- Immigration (4-5, 6, 9, 30-31, 33-34, 35)
 - Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act (33)
- Labor Unions (7, 14, 15-16, 19, 20, 26-30, 31)
 - Benefits and Wages (29-30)
- Politics (4, 6, 7, 10, 14, 17, 18-19, 20, 23, 24-25, 30-31, 35-36)
- Poverty (4, 10, 29-30, 37)
- Voting Rights (5, 17, 21)
 - Latino Voting “Bloc” (20-21, 22, 30, 33)
- Women’s Issues (13, 14-15, 21, 23, 25)
 - Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (14)