

Chapter 19: Engaging and Amplifying Community Voices: An Interview Assignment Sequence

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4. “The People Like It Here. It’s Real Mexican Food” by Noah Levi

Transcript

Mayra Arechiga: My name is Mayra Arechiga [*laughs*], the owner of the El Charro Mexican Store. The restaurant is 5 years ago, and store is, maybe 12 years. I like the Mexican food, and I like the city, and my work. City, and, yeah, the peoples. I like it. It’s Mexican food, and Central American, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Colombia. It’s much people, the Mexican people, here. It’s very important. It’s different people, the restaurant and the store. For the store, it’s more Hispanic people, and here [in the restaurant] is American people. Yeah. The people is like the tacos, burritos, and, I don’t know, it’s different Mexican food than in the other restaurants. It’s different food here and Little Mexico and Rancho Bravo. I don’t know, the people like it here. It’s the same flavor than Mexico and here—yeah, the salsas, the hot sauce. It’s real Mexican food.