**Interviewer: Russell**

**Interviewee: Esperanza Gutierrez**

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IN: OK, so we are recording. First things first, did you have the lunch here? How was it?

EG: It was delicious.

IN: I agree. When you think about the process of voting in the United States, where would you say, where would you place yourself and you can move that around on the scale between trust and distrust.

EG: 10.

IN: 10. And can you share a story about why you picked that spot?

EG: Um. My daughter's on the election commission.

IN: Fantastic, and perhaps not as relevant of a question, but where would you like to be on the scale? Yeah, so I’m assuming you’d like to stay at a 10?

EG: For what's the question?

IN: Where would you like to be ideally?

EG: Trusting.

IN: And what is it going to take for you to keep, you know, trusting the electoral process?

EG: That they're, I think they're trustworthy. And I think people need to believe in them and participate. Cesar Chavez said we don't need a perfect government, but we need a perfect participation from the citizens, and that's my core belief in the elections.

IN: Fantastic. All right. So that's Part 1. And then the second, we have this challenge that if you would like, we can do, we call it The Teach a Kid to Vote Challenge, and basically what we could do is sort of if we have, you know imagine a kid is here or one of those kids. You have to answer three questions. How would you explain to that kid what voting is?

EG: What is your strongest voice that supports your beliefs? So you need to practice it and practice it honestly.

IN: Great. And how do you vote?

EG: I vote every election and I try to keep-I need to keep informed of the elections.

IN: Great. And then why is it good to vote?

EG: It is the strongest power you have that equals, that equates everybody and not everybody does it, in some areas, only 10% of the entire population makes the elections, so the other people do not practice their rights and therefore if you don't practice that right, you lose, you lose your freedoms to do anything.

In: Awesome. Alright, that's it. Thank you so much.