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**REBECCA ESPINOZA KUBACKI  
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 2018-2019**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Rebecca Espinoza Kubacki was born in Immokalee, Florida, in 1952 to Raul Espinoza and Christina Guardiola Espinoza. As a child of migrant workers, she grew up traveling with her family from state to state, working in the fields and orchards when needed. During her sophomore year of high school, her parents settled in Pierceton, Indiana, where she attended Pierceton High School, graduating in 1970. She then attended and graduated from Indiana Business College, a secretarial school located in Indianapolis, in 1971. In 1973, she married Michael L. Kubacki, whom she had met while at Pierceton High School. Ms. Kubacki and her husband resided in the Chicago area and then Southern California, where they raised their young family. She and her family returned to the Pierceton area when her husband took the President/CEO position at Lake City Bank there in 1999. She became the first Hispanic woman to successfully run for the Indiana General Assembly as Kosciusko and Elkhart Counties' representative to the house and served in that position from 2010 to 2014. Since leaving the General Assembly, she has been on the boards of directors for multiple non-profit organizations, including Indiana Latino Institute, WNIT Public Television (South Bend, Indiana), Riley Foundation, Hoosier Salon for the Arts, Marian University, and the Indiana Historical Society.

Ms. Kubacki and her husband have two children—Katherine Kubacki Kitson and Matthew Kubacki. Currently, she and her husband reside in Carmel, Indiana.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The following interview is one of a series devoted to collecting life stories from remarkable people whose involvement in Indiana business, politics, religion, education, and philanthropy continues to enhance the Indiana community. Through these individual lives, we can witness the development of Indiana's recent past and better understand Indiana's history from a personal and professional perspective, as illustrated by each individual's contributions to Indiana and their personal connections to all Hoosiers. This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on October 29, 2019, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center located in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Wendy L. Adams, Indiana Historical Society's (IHS) director of oral history. Audio Transcription Center, Boston, Massachusetts, transcribed the interview in 2019, and Ms. Adams lightly edited it in 2020. The interview, which includes the audio recording, the transcript, and photographs, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Readers of this oral history interview should bear in mind that it is a transcript of the spoken word. Although the transcript has been lightly edited, IHS has diligently sought to preserve its informal, conversational style, as well as the integrity of the interview's content. While some attempt has been taken to explain through footnotes some of the facts given by the interviewee, IHS is not responsible for the factual accuracy of the interview's content or for the views expressed within.

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