

Transcript of Oral History Monologue by Marissa Crawford

Interviewee: Marissa Crawford

Interviewer: Self

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Abstract: Marissa Crawford reflects on how her life has changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She shares how her local government has implemented safety measures to mitigate the virus. Marissa also shares what she thinks the future will look like after COVID-19.

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The date is July 11, 2020. The time is 3pm. My name is Marissa Crawford. I'm 34 years old. I live in Woodland Hills, California, and I have two cats. I live by myself. I attend Antioch University. I'm also in Alcoholics Anonymous. My life has changed completely because I've had to transition my entire life via Zoom. The activities that I'm doing now that I didn't do before, is horticulture, baking, cooking, plant cloning. I previously was doing financial consulting, and now my clientele is very minimal, and I also have to do that via Zoom. There are many deserted businesses and spaces where I live. The communities where I live have changed their practices and have been doing many of the social distancing guidelines, but some of them are not- some of them are not adhering to the governor's social distancing practices. I am staying connected with my friends and family by calling them on the telephone or doing FaceTime calls, or once in a while I will see them in person or doing social distancing lunches, or I'll see family members, you know, once every few weeks. The things that I don't miss are gridlock traffic. When I'm shopping, people would be in my personal space or in my face, I definitely don't miss that. Things that I will miss is spending quality time with my animals and having lots of time to myself. The moments I will never forget is when the Coronavirus was declared a pandemic and the murder of George Floyd. New habits that I have developed is frequently washing my hands and wearing my mask every time I go out. My friends and loved ones have been affected because many of them have gotten the Coronavirus including myself. I will not miss wearing a mask. I feel claustrophobic when wearing it and I have a difficult time breathing. I think that the future of society and the city will be impacted because many of the guidelines and ordinances will remain in effect including sanitation measures. That concludes my interview.