

### **Primary Source: Process of Identification**

I first met Adriana Wilcox while recording an oral history with her husband, chef Roman Wilcox, featured in the public kitchen section of El Paso Food Voices website. As I learned about the genesis of One Grub Community, the only all plant-based restaurant in El Paso, Texas, whose co-owner is Adriana Wilcox, I knew that Adriana was the perfect person to discuss what a food justice effort looks like in El Paso. OGC incorporates into its daily operations a number of programs that uphold basic food justice principles: making good and healthy food accessible through active community engagement and educational goals. In addition to OGC, the Wilcox team, who define themselves as food social entrepreneurs, have launched a non-profit organization: "Planty for the People." The word "planty" is intended as a play on words: plant based and plenty as in sufficient. Adriana will walk us through how she and her husband began to define themselves as food social entrepreneurs who believe that everyone deserves the right to good, healthy and delicious food. As a team, the Wilcoxes have made a commitment to use their business and culinary skills as venues for addressing food insecurities in some of El Paso's designated food desert areas. By developing and implementing programs such as "paying it forward," "volunteering," "gardening knowledge," and "cooking lessons" into the everyday operation of food related work, they are creating community networks that collectively begin to create spaces dedicated to food justice.