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Albuquerque's Immigrant Community Denounces Beginning of Trump's Enforcement, Deportation Regime

Mayor Richard Berry, Albuquerque's City Councilors & People of Conscience Must Re-Affirm Commitment to Create Safety Policies and Organize to Undermine Trump's Dangerous Agenda As It Begins

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Today marks the beginning of Trump's deportation plans after signing a series of executive orders mandating DHS to build a wall with México, emboldening ICE's authority and discretion when persecuting immigrants, calling for collaboration between local authorities and immigration agencies, and undermining sanctuary policies that provide protection for immigrant families across the states.

The following is a joint statement from local leaders and members of the Listo NM coalition regarding President Trump's executive orders on enforcement:

"Today, President Trump has begun the implementation of his deportation plans for the immigrant community in the U.S.. The details of today's executive orders demonstrate the deeply rooted desire to continue the criminalization and racial profiling of immigrant and refugee communities nationwide.

"In New Mexico, we have a proud legacy of supporting policies, which are conducive to integrating immigrant communities into the mainstream. During the Trump era, we commit to fighting for these same policies and for a dignified way of life for our loved ones and the millions in our community — we will continue organizing for sanctuary spaces and policies so that we can all live a life with dignity.

"Now is the time for APS, the City of Albuquerque, Mayor Richard Berry and elected officials to stand by the Albuquerque immigrant community in this moment of crisis and great need. The best way to do this is to publicly propose clear policies to ensure the safety and protection of our communities in our city during Trump's administration.

“As our community has done in the past– fighting an anti-immigrant Martinez administration for the last six years–, we will continue tapping into our amazing resilience to fight back against any deportation force. We will do so by supporting Deportation Defense Networks and efforts to block the collaboration between local authority and immigration agencies.”

– Listo NM

Listo NM is calling on all community members to organize in their hometowns and learn how to protect each other from deportation. The easiest way to plug in is to **text LISTO (for Spanish) or READY (for English) to (505) 465-4994** or by signing up to Listo’s email alert system at: listonm-progressnownm.nationbuilder.com.

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Listo NM, is an Albuquerque-based collaborative of nonprofit organizations– including [El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos](#), [NM Dream Team \(NMDT\)](#), [Encuentro](#), and the [New Mexico Immigrant Law Center \(NMILC\)](#)– focused on supporting immigrant integration statewide and related support programs, services and advocacy, ensuring low-income immigrants have access to social and legal services for Immigration and Administrative Relief, to foster leadership development and to promote economic and civic engagement in immigrant communities.