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## **Majority of New Mexicans Reject Trump's Hate-Based Agenda**

*Community leaders, elected officials, and faith leaders vow to continue the fight to keep families together and embrace New Mexico's legacy of immigrant integration and diversity*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Following the contentious election of Donald J. Trump as the new president of the United States, community members, leaders, allies and elected officials held a press conference organized by El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos to demonstrate that the politics of fear, hate, and xenophobia do not resonate with the majority of New Mexicans. Participants called on all lawmakers, regardless of party affiliation, to stand together and protect families in their communities who have made so many economic and cultural contributions in the State of New Mexico and across the nation.

**Bertha Campos, a single mother of a mixed status family, a small business owner, and community leader with El CENTRO said,** “A new era for our struggle has begun. We will be more resilient than ever and we will work tirelessly to protect our communities from senseless family separation and being the targets of discrimination and violence. We are not alone, we are united, and we are here to stay.”

**Gabriela Hernández, National LGBTQ Organizer for United We Dream / NM Dream Team** reiterated the resilience and strength of immigrant communities, “Our immigrant community is ready to protect and mobilize our families, our community and our neighborhoods against hate. We are declaring a state of urgency and resilience for all of us, people of color, women, immigrants, refugees, faith, LGBTQ communities and allies. We will work together and protect each other. This is our home and we are here to stay.”

**New Mexico State Legislator Javier Martinez, (D- District 11) reminded attendees that** New Mexico didn't vote to put Trump into the White House, “Trump doesn't represent the values of the majority of New Mexicans. We have a proud legacy in New Mexico of passing policies that are conducive to immigrant integration and to upholding the civil rights of all New Mexicans, regardless of their country of origin, immigration status, or religious beliefs. I will be reaching out to New Mexicans and elected officials, regardless of political affiliation, across the state that are committed to upholding this legacy and to ensure that the communities that are most vulnerable to attacks by the Trump administration aren't victims of discrimination, exploitation, violence, and family separation.”

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## **LIST OF SPEAKERS AND SUPPORTERS**



**EL CENTRO**

**De Igualdad Y Derechos**

**Bertha Campos and Maria Mendez, leaders and members of EL CENTRO-** El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos is a grassroots, immigrants' rights and workers' justice organization based in Albuquerque, NM that works with Latino immigrant communities and allies to defend, strengthen, and advance the rights of our community.



**Samia Assed--Palestinian-American Human Rights Activist-** The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice provides resources and space for organizations and individuals working on peace and justice issues to network with one another and share information. Through our programs and collaborations, we work locally to support regional and global justice.



**Amber Royster, Executive Director-** Equality New Mexico is committed to educating to change hearts and minds, advocating for those treated unfairly, and helping to empower communities and individuals to achieve a fair and just New Mexico.



**Gabriela Hernández, National LGBTQ Organizer for United We Dream / NM Dream Team.** The NM Dream Team is an affiliate group of United We Dream. United We Dream is the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the nation, a powerful nonpartisan network made up of 55 affiliate organizations in 26 states. UWD organizes and advocates for the dignity and fair treatment of immigrant youth and families, regardless of immigration status. They seek to address the inequities and obstacles faced by immigrant youth and believe that by empowering immigrant youth, they can advance the cause of the entire community—justice for all immigrants.

**Javier Martinez,** New Mexico State Legislator Javier Martinez, (D- District 11)

**Isaac Benton,** City Councilor, District 2



NM Faith Coalition  
for Immigrant Justice Home

**Justin Remer Thamert-** The New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice was founded in 2009, and has committees that focus on direct service, education & advocacy, and outreach. We welcome all who seek immigrant justice. We share a common hope of creating an environment that welcomes the stranger in our age and for generations to come.

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The Listo Nuevo México Campaign is a network of organizations including Encuentro, the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos, and NM Dream Team, that are dedicated to the full integration of immigrants in New Mexico by ensuring low-income immigrants access to social and legal services to obtain Administrative Relief, fostering leadership development in our communities and promoting economic and civic engagement .