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MEDIA STATEMENT

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM– *The following is a statement from El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos regarding the Protest Against Trump’s Hate and Bigotry*

EL CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos promotes peaceful forms of community organizing, protest, and civic engagement. Hundreds of Albuquerque residents showed up yesterday to peacefully protest Donald Trump’s bigotry and xenophobia.

We do not condone the use of violence, but we understand the justifiable frustration, hurt, and anger, both historical and current, that our communities experience when politicians like Trump insult, attack, criminalizes and dehumanize our families. He is encouraging, inciting, and perpetuating violence against our communities. Of course he isn’t going to be welcome in a state like New Mexico where we do things differently, where we aspire to embrace diversity, where we have worked to integrate immigrants into the mainstream.

Let us be clear, what we witnessed last night is the result of Trump’s hate speech and racist, anti-immigrant, xenophobic attack on our communities. We invite our community to continue having their voices heard through peaceful protests and demonstrations, to participate in the democratic process through the use of their vote and by getting involved in organizing efforts to create the changes that are needed in our communities.”

– El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos

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