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Bernalillo County Commission Votes Against Basic Workers' Rights

County Commissioners Vote Against Healthy Workforce ABQ Initiative That Would Benefit Over 100,000 Workers in ABQ

ALBUQUERQUE, NM– *The following is a statement from El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos regarding today's decision by the Bernalillo County Commission against putting the Healthy Workforce ABQ initiative on the November ballot:*

"Today, in a 3:2 vote, Commissioners De la Cruz, Johnson and Talbert voted to obstruct Democracy and against progress and justice for all workers in Albuquerque."

"After gathering 24,000 signatures from voters in Albuquerque and passing a resolution in the City Council to put the Health Workforce initiative on the November ballot, the Bernalillo County Commission just played political games with the health and well-being of our families. Their inaction on the matter of putting the Healthy Workforce initiative on the November ballot, made a clear statement that they are not working for the working families in our city, instead they continue to put companies and profit before the well-being of Albuquerque residents".

"El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos is committed to continue to work with our allies and working families in our community and will explore all legal options to ensure that the voters of Albuquerque have the opportunity to have their voice heard at the ballot box. This is only a small obstacle in our journey for workers' justice and we must continue to organize our working communities in order to bring make our political power be felt." – **El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos**

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