



# El CENTRO

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Miembros del CENTRO, aliados en el Parque Tiguex en un día de resistencia cultural contra Trump.

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## New Mexico United Againsts Trump: A Day of Cultural Resistance!

Este pasado 16 de septiembre El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos y varios otros aliados comunitarios se unieron en solidaridad en el parque Tiguex para mostrar la unidad de Nuevo México y la resistencia cultural contra el ataque y la persecución de Trump hacia nuestras comunidades. El evento fue una respuesta tras la visita del Presidente Donald Trump ese mismo día a la ciudad de Río Rancho.

‘Sabemos que Trump no representa los principios y valores de nuestras comunidades’, dijo Marian Mendez Cera del CENTRO.- ‘No estamos en apoyo de la-

agenda xenofobia anti-inmigrante de supremacía blanca de su administración por lo cual estamos llevando a cabo este evento de resistencia cultural’.

Durante el evento se escuchó música por ‘El Gozao, a la poeta Jessica Helen Lopez, a oradores y presentaciones culturales por el Grupo Desoluna y el Círculo Solar Ollin Xochipilli, y una vigilia para honrar a nuestras familias que sufren a manos de las políticas de Trump se llevaron a cabo. ¡Gracias a todos los que nos acompañaron! en nuestras manifestación!

# Event Calendar

## BernCo County Commissioners Propose an Amendment to Paid Time- Off Ordinance

### MONTHLY CLINIC: MANO-A-MANO

WHEN: Oct. 24th from 5:30-7PM  
WHERE: 714 4th ST SW 87102

### EI CID MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN: Oct. 30th from 5-8PM  
WHERE: El Centro, 714 4th ST SW 87102

### FREE LEGAL CLINICS BY NMILC

WHEN: Every Wednesday from 1-5PM  
WHERE: 714 4th ST SW 87102  
DESCRIPTION: Do you want to become a new citizen? Or need help with DACA? Sign up for these free legal clinics where they can help you with this process.

### CIVIL RIGHTS WORKSHOP

WHEN: Visit or page [elcentronm.org](http://elcentronm.org) to get more information regarding our civil rights workshop.

### EL CENTRO IN THE COMMUNITY

DESCRIPTION: Be on the look-out for El CENTRO in your community distributing immigrant and worker rights information.



Have you seen El CENTRO's new shirt?  
Get yours TODAY!  
By calling El CENTRO at:  
**505.246.1627**

After the victory of the acceptance of the paid time off ordinance by the Bernalillo County commission on September 10 organizations who fight for workers' rights and working families were disappointed when the Bernalillo County commissioners presented an amendment to this ordinance.

On August 20, the Bernalillo County Commission approved the historic paid time off ordinance with a 3-2 vote, the first of its kind in the state. However, the amendment presented aims to dilute this ordinance. According to the amendment, only those with 35 or more workers would have to offer 56 hours to each worker by 2022 and beyond.

"Our local government must serve working families by ensuring that ALL-

workers receive this basic human right regardless of the size of the business in which they work!" Said Marian Mendez Cera of El CENTRO.



Under the proposed amendment, only those with 35 or more workers would have to offer 56 hours to each worker in 2022 and beyond. Currently, the paid time off ordinance would take effect on July 1, 2020 and would apply to employees working in the

unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County. The amendment will create different standards based on the size of a company, specifically reducing the requirements for those with fewer employees

Be sure to call your commissioner to tell her not to support this amendment that harms working families in our county.

## ICE Activity Increases in Albuquerque

In recent weeks there has been an increase in arrests of community members in Albuquerque by agents of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service. UU (ICE). After these arrests we have not seen any local raid or collateral deportations during these arrests. We are seeing that the most vulnerable people in these arrests are those who have had interaction with our criminal justice system or those who have already had a prior deportation order. But we know that in addition to this increase there is -

a regular presence of ICE in our communities. Therefore, it is more important than ever to inform us about our rights and continue to organize and protect ourselves as a community. We must continue in the struggle so that locally as well as at the state level ICE is not entangled in our criminal justice system in order to keep our families together. El CENTRO has a "Know Your Rights with the Migra" fact sheet on our website [ELCENTRONM.ORG](http://ELCENTRONM.ORG).

# National Voter Registration Day!

## Have you already registered to vote?

On the "National Voter Registration Day" several members of El CENTRO as well as our community organizer, Fabiola Landeros, took advantage of this day to register for the first time to vote.

The next elections are approaching the beginning of the early voting of municipal elections beginning on November 19 and ending on November 2. Election day taking place on November 5. During the municipal elections, candidates will be voted for the public school district of ABQ and Rio Rancho, and members of the city council, among other careers.

During this time The CENTER will be knocking on doors to motivate our community to vote. The only thing that people need to register is to be a resident of NM, a U.S. citizen. and be 18 years old during the elections.



Our organizer using her new status as a citizen of the United States to register to vote for the 1st time!

People can still register to vote.

If you wish to register to vote you can call El CENTRO at (505)246-1627 to make an appointment or you can register visiting this site: [NMVote.org](http://NMVote.org)



## New Changes in the Horizon for Legal Clinics Provided by NMILC & El CID

The city of Albuquerque, El CENTRO and the New Mexico Immigrant Legal Center (NMILC) celebrated Citizenship Day this past September 17 announcing new efforts to help increase naturalization rates.

Community centers of the city of Albuquerque will soon be the new home of free weekly legal clinics that have helped the immigrant community obtain essential services to help them navigate-

through the naturalization process and guide them to local resources to be better informed about their rights and how to keep their families together.

In line with the "ABQ is Home" initiative, a four-year grant from the "America is Home" initiative that supports the integration of immigrants, these weekly NMILC clinics have been carried out at El CENTRO. However, over the years due to the success of these legal clinics, they

### Know Your Rights With ICE Agents



#### STAY SILENT



If you are being questioned by a police officer, a prison officer, corrections officer or an ICE agent, you have the right to remain silent, including **NOT** giving information about your country of origin or immigration status. Everything you say or do can be used against you.

#### DONT OPEN THE DOOR



In your home you have the right to **NOT** open the door (even if ICE says you have an arrest or deportation order). To enter without your permission, they need a search warrant.

#### AT WORK



You have the right not to answer their questions, keep working, and/ or tell them you can not talk to them. You do not have to disclose your country of origin or immigration status, nor show any identification. ICE can't enter the private areas of your workplace without a search warrant or permission from the employer or business manager.

#### PUBLIC PLACES



**Including:**  
- In front of a court  
- In a parking lot  
- A stores public space  
- A park  
- Etc.

You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to disclose your name, immigration status, country of origin, or show them identification. If you decide to run, and they manage to capture you, they can arrest you.

#### IF UNDER ARREST



You can exercise your right to remain silent. Do not sign a document if you do not understand it or if you have not talked to a lawyer about your legal options. You have the right to request an interpreter during court proceedings.

#### ORGANIZE:



Join the movement! As a community, we have to inform ourselves, protect ourselves, and keep organizing.

For More Information Call: El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos:

(505)246-1627 714 4th St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 @ElCentroDelGualdad YDerechos

## ¡VOTA POR EL CENTRO PARA "Héroes Comunitarios" de Noticias Ya Nuevo México!



Asegurate de votar visitando este enlace:

<https://bit.ly/2kT6kxH>

¡Invierte en TU movimiento local pro-inmigrante!

\*Puedes votar todos los días durantee este "Mes de la Herencia Hispana"



Rise of ICE activity in our community!



In the last few days there has been of ICE detentions in Albuquerque!

It is important to inform ourselves about our rights and how we can protect each other. Contact El CENTRO al 505-246-1627 for more information.

these legal clinics, they have reached their capacity at their current location. "As a new citizen, I encourage those who are eligible to naturalize to use their new status to protect our families from the devastating impact of deportation and exercise our labor rights,"



El CENTRO at citizenship fair

said Fabiola Landeros of El CENTRO. Free weekly legal and civic participation clinics will continue to take place at El CENTRO (714 4th SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102) every Wednesday from 1-5 p.m. until the new location, date / time is announced.

### Platicas with Encuentro Students

This September our community organizers had "platicas" with students from Encuentro with the objective that our community be better informed about issues such as power, oppression and the struggle of our communities. And the results were a success!



### Follow us on Social Media:

-  @ElCentroDelGualdadYDerechos
-  @ElCentroNM
-  @ElCentro\_nm
-  @ElCentroNM.org

**Attention!**

**You have until October 31, 2019**

To call El CENTRO at (505)246-1627 if you still want to receive your monthly newsletter. Or if you DO NOT want us to send you this community newsletter, please call this same number.

### ¡ Felicidades Hilaria!

At the Annual Harvest Festival of Chile our community organizer, Hilaria Martínez, received the Jeanne Gauna 2019 "spirit of social justice" award. Thank you SouthWest Organizing Project for this honor.



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