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El CENTRO members “presentes” at the BernCO county commissioners meeting.

## Working Families & Worker Justice Organizations Celebrate PTO Ordinance!

On October 15, low-wage workers & working families played a key role in ensuring that the strongest paid time off ordinance, was approved.

On August 20, business lobbyists pressure commissioners to dilute this ordinance. In response, Commissioners Pyskoty and Quezada submitted an amendment to limit the PTO coverage. However, due to our community's fight, improvements were made to the ordinance that will cover more workers.

This victory sends a clear message that our community will not stand idly by when corporate interests try to influence votes. This is a step in the right direction to request improvements in the future to ensure the widest coverage for all our families.

“I feel very proud of our community for having fought for years for this right that all workers deserve,” said Olga Santana of El CENTRO who also testified to the commissioners during this meeting.

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**EVENT CALENDAR**

**EI CID GOTV CAMPAIGN**

WHEN: November 4th & 5th  
 DONDE: EI CENTRO (714 4th St SW)  
 DESCRIPTION: A phonebank will take place in EI CENTRO to ensure our community know the importance of participating in the municipal elections on November 5th!

**ELECTION DAY**

WHEN: November 5th from 7AM - 7PM  
 WHERE: In 69 voting centers around Albuquerque .

**MONTHLY CLINIC: MANO-A-MANO**

WHEN: 7 y 21 de noviembre, 5:30-7PM  
 WHERE 714 4th ST SW 87102

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

WHEN: October 30th from 5-8PM  
 WHERE: EI CENTRO , 714 4th ST SW 87102

**FREE LEGAL CONSULTS, NMILC**

WHEN: Every Wednesday from 1-5PM  
 WHERE: 714 4th ST SW 87102  
 DESCRIPCION: Do you need help with any citizenship issues? Sign up for a free legal consult with NMILC.

**CIVIL RIGHTS WORKSHOP**

WHEN: Contact us to program a workshop by visiting our web page: [www.EICENTRONM.org](http://www.EICENTRONM.org)

**EL CENTRO: POSADA**

WHEN: December 18th  
 WHERE: EI CENTRO (714 4th ST SW)

The ordinance will now take effect in January 2020 and workers will not have to wait 90 days to accommodate their paid free time.

In addition, the penalty that employers who retaliate against their workers will also be increasing. ¡Seguimos en la lucha!



**PTO Ordinance**

-  Employees with 2-10 workers will have to give workers 28 hours of PTO.
-  Employers with 11-34 workers will have to give their workers 44 hours of PTO.
-  Employers with 35 or more workers will have to give 56 hours of PTO.

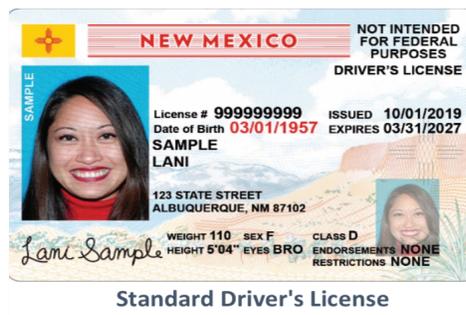
**\*This only applies to those who work in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County.**

**New NM License / ID is Implemented**

On October 1, after years of political debate and litigation, the new SB 278 law came into effect, which introduced the new standard license / ID in New Mexico.

This will have an annotation in the right corner saying that it is not for federal use while the license for federal use (Real ID) will have a gold star.

Now the process of getting a driver's license / id is more efficient. The law will eliminate the requirement to take the prints when the driver's license (DAC) is processed for the first time and they will not have to provide social security or ITIN number. In addition, people will now have more time to renew their non-federal license from two to four years.



Now only one document will be needed to prove your identity and age and two documents to prove your residence in the state. It is worth

mentioning that the "New Mexico Driver's License / ID may not be used to get on a plane or enter a federal building after October 1, 2020. For a complete list of documents that you can use to obtain this license / ID visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/33QWtcG>

The new "New Mexico Driver's License / ID" will now look a little different.

**Supreme Court to Evaluate DACA**

If you have children who are DACA beneficiaries or if you are a DACA beneficiary, you must know that you must renew your DACA as soon as possible. On November 12th the Supreme Court will evaluate this case and listen to the Trump Administration's arguments to end DACA.

DACA protects young people, who came to the U.S. when they were children, from a deportation. According to United We Dream, DACA has helped protect more than 800,000 people to excel in this country. But for now only beneficiaries who have had DACA in the past can renew their DACA & new applications are not being accepted.



Have you seen El Centros new shirt?  
 Get yours today by calling EI CID  
 At:  
**505.246.1627**

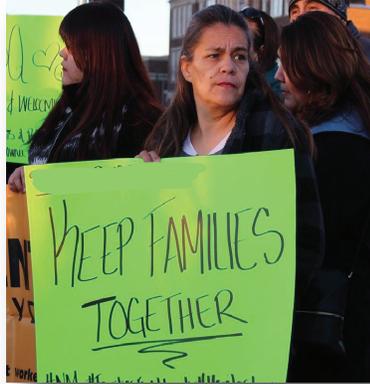
"I am originally from Jalisco, Mexico & I am a beneficiary of DACA who has been able to work in this country under this protection," said Marian Mendez Cera of the CENTRO". But in addition to continuing to fight for DREAMERS we must also continue to fight to expand the protections to our parents that contribute so much to our communities."

Due to the fact that we do not know what the Court will decide our families should be prepared and plan ahead.

Likewise, we must continue in the fight to ensure that our families are not separated and not allow our youth

to remain without this protection that also helps them to work in the country.

To learn more about how you can join the movement to protect our families call El CENTRO at 505-246-1627.



**Know Your Rights With ICE Agents**

**El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos**

**¡We continue our fight to ensure NM is a place where ALL our families can thrive!**

**ALERT!**

**El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos**

**Rise of ICE activity in our community!**

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

**NO MAS DEPORTACIONES FAMILIAS UNIDAS**

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.

**DONATE**

Donate to El CENTRO by visiting its Paypal page

## Public Charge Rule Blocked by a Federal Judge in Manhattan for Now

On October 11, the public charge rule was blocked by a preliminary national order by a federal judge in Manhattan, New York.

The ruling prohibits the government from implementing the new standard, which would have been implemented on October 15.

"Our immigrant community contributes a lot to the cultural, civic and economic fabric of our state and nation," said Fabiola Landeros, a community organizer at El CENTRO. "No family should be forced to choose between feeding

their children or having access to medical care or risk family separation. In New Mexico, we value caring for our families and neighbors, so we are pleased that this ruling has put this public charge rule on hold."

Thanks to this ruling, for now, our families will not have to choose between being able to feed their families or endangering their future in the US!

¡Seguimos en la lucha!

## Representative Haaland Visits El CID

On October 4, Representative Deb Haaland visited El CENTRO to talk with members and the community about the problem of family separation as well as how she can support our immigrant working families.

During these talks with the Congresswoman, members of El CENTRO who have been affected by a separation, families shared their history with her, asking her to support proposals for legislation to help end this problem.

In addition, members of El CENTRO also spoke about El CENTRO's efforts to advance workers' rights.

"I will continue to fight and do everything possible to ensure that our children and families are safe and that we are the country that we should be, one that welcomes our immigrant families," said Representative Deb Haaland.



**El CENTRO members with Representative Haaland during her visit to El CENTRO!**

At the end of the meeting with the congresswoman, community organizers of El CENTRO held a workshop to let our community know about how to best protect themselves from a deportation and protect members of our community from this possibility.

"It was a very valuable experience for me to be able to speak with the Congresswoman & inform her of what we are seeing and living in our communities," said Lucy Hernandez. "I would like to see more of our representatives have this same type of accessibility."



**Representative Haaland mentions that she will continue her fight against family separations.**

Follow us on our social media pages!

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

**Thanks to the same day registration & voting many are now able to participate in the municipal elections!**



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<b>98th &amp; Central</b> - 120 98th St NW Suite B101 & B102 <b>Alameda West</b> - 10131 Coors Blvd. NW Suite C-02 <b>Bernalillo County Visitor Center</b> - 6080 Isleta Blvd. SW <b>Caracol Plaza</b> - 12500 Montgomery NE Suite 101 <b>Central Mercado</b> - 301 San Pedro Dr. SE Suites B, C, D and E <b>Daskalos Center</b> - 5339 Menaul Blvd NE. Four <b>Hills Shopping Center</b> - 13140 Central Ave SE Suite 1420 <b>Holly Plaza Shopping Center</b> - 6500 Holly NE Suite A6 <b>Los Altos Center</b> - 4200 Wyoming NE Suite B-2 <b>Los Ranchos Villa</b> - 6601 4th St NW Suites E & F <b>Petroglyph Plaza</b> - 8201 Golf Course Rd NW Suite D1 <b>South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center</b> - 2008 Larrazola SW <b>The Shoppes at 6001 San Mateo</b> - 6001 San Mateo NE Suite B3 <b>Tijeras City Hall</b> - 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras, NM 87059 <b>University of New Mexico</b> - Student Union Building, <b>West Bluff</b> - 5201 Ouray NW Suite D-2	<b>98th &amp; Central</b> - 120 98th St NW Suite B101 & B102 <b>Alameda West</b> - 10131 Coors Blvd. NW Suite C-02 <b>Bernalillo County Visitor Center</b> - 6080 Isleta Blvd. SW <b>Caracol Plaza</b> - 12500 Montgomery NE Suite 101 <b>Central Mercado</b> - 301 San Pedro Dr. SE Suites B, C, D and E <b>Daskalos Center</b> - 5339 Menaul Blvd NE. Four <b>Hills Shopping Center</b> - 13140 Central Ave SE Suite 1420 <b>Holly Plaza Shopping Center</b> - 6500 Holly NE Suite A6 <b>Los Altos Center</b> - 4200 Wyoming NE Suite B-2 <b>Los Ranchos Villa</b> - 6601 4th St NW Suites E & F <b>Petroglyph Plaza</b> - 8201 Golf Course Rd NW Suite D1 <b>South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center</b> - 2008 Larrazola SW <b>The Shoppes at 6001 San Mateo</b> - 6001 San Mateo NE Suite B3 <b>Tijeras City Hall</b> - 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras, NM 87059 <b>University of New Mexico</b> - Student Union Building, <b>West Bluff</b> - 5201 Ouray NW Suite D-2



**El CENTRO wins Community Award of "Community Hereos!"**

**Thank you to all who votes for us!  
We share this award with ALL our community!**



**El CENTRO Participates in Indigenous Day**

**To fight against the persecution of our native and immigrant families by our current administration.**

