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Communities in United Discourse against Discrimination (¡CIUDAD!)
Charter Statement

Communities In United Discourse Against Discrimination (¡CIUDAD!) is a non-partisan organization composed of men and women united in belief that the recent passage by Arizona of SB1070 as amended by HB 2162, is against traditional American beliefs of liberty and justice for all. We view the legislation as a thinly veiled attack on the civil liberties of people in the United States.

¡CIUDAD! will mobilize to identify and hold accountable local city, county, state and national leaders who support legislation like Arizona SB 1070.

¡CIUDAD! will perform this action on behalf of people who believe that the Arizona legislation is fundamentally flawed, born of discrimination and fear and would strip away our civil liberties.

¡CIUDAD! will publicly identify, monitor and work to unseat local city, county, state and national leaders who do not take a public stand against the Arizona legislation or its equivalent. We will work to elect candidates who oppose Arizona type legislation. Moreover, we will work with other like minded groups who support civil rights and American core beliefs of liberty and justice for all.

¡CIUDAD! Purpose Statement

¡CIUDAD! acknowledges the need for immigration reform but denounces tactics used by Arizona governor Jan Brewer. This discriminatory law makes being in the state without proper immigration paperwork a state crime and mandates that police check the immigration status of people they suspect to be undocumented. **We do not agree that local law enforcement should be permitted to question the legal status of an individual.** Contrary to what HB 2162 states we believe this will lead to profiling resulting in illegal detainment, false arrest, denial of services and the alienation of many U.S. citizens.

¡CIUDAD! will work towards the reversal of all such legislation. We will secure the promise from our civic, state and national leaders that no law or statute be passed that violates the rights of American citizens in the name of immigration reform.