

## **Border Angels Statement On SB 1070 & Current State On Immigration Reform**

**April 30 , “El Dia del Niño” “Day of the Child” 2010**

As the world reacts with horror at Arizona’s continued backward march to a state of the past, a state of nativism, a state of hate; Mexico and Mexicans everywhere celebrate the day of the Child . Society is judged on how we treat our children. One nation, Mexico, celebrates its children, our most precious resource, with love. One state, Arizona, unleashes the weapons of mass deception and teaches its children to fear, to divide, to hate. I for one, am standing on the side of love.

This past week I was at the border, as usual you say? Not that border, I was at the” other” Southern Border, the one between Mexico and Guatemala. Speaking with people from Central American and Mexico, they all spoke with pride about their respective countries, they all spoke about the advances in their countries of creating opportunities at home. Most residents desire and actually do stay home, they find work, provide for their families.

In another world, and from another state, we heard the news WHITES ONLY, no one else welcome, WHITE POWER. I knew I had heard this before but in another time? Another world? I saw images in my mind, secret police, children murdered, forced marches, raids, citizen patrols. NEVER AGAIN !

Was I dreaming?

As the images grew clearer and I went back in time, it was clear, I had seen this, I saw it personally; secret police, Arpaio; children murdered, Brisienda Flores; forced marches the Tucson desert; raids, terrorized communities; citizen patrols, the minuteklan; NEVER AGAIN?

I remembered a dream, the dream. "To judge people by their character and not the color of their skin"

This past week, I was in Mexico City, met with the President and he spoke like never before about the rights of Mexicans, wherever they are located, he spoke determined and said he would not back down. Next week I will be in DC and see if President Obama's would have his aunt from Kenya, visit Arizona, how about his former undocumented roommate from college? On May 19<sup>th</sup> the three of us will be in DC. Will we see change? Si se Puede!

These past elections we have heard of red states, of blue states, well now we have another color, white or hate states. I believe there was a movement of separation of States in the past, Blue States and Gray States and what divided them was also color. NEVER AGAIN?

When most of the Arizona's ancestors of today's fore fathers came to the United States, they did not "walk across the desert", (as Duncan Hunter Jr complained at a recent Tea Party cross burning) Actually they sailed across the Atlantic and had a statue welcoming them and an island to check in.

Today's migrants, which "walk across the desert" from the South have no statue, no island, they have a wall to welcome them, a wall the thanks to Daddy Hunter, has killed 10,000 men, women and children. 10,000 souls!

RASING ARIZONA! As practitioners of hate, Glen Spencer, the Barnett Brothers, Joe Arpaio, the 4 minutemen left, and Jan Brewer state they will not tolerate racial profiling; families are torn apart, children are ripped apart from their mothers, returning veterans from Bush's wars in Middle East are stopped in the street of Scottsdale, "halt, show me you papers" NEVER AGAIN !

When my state California, attempted to punish its immigrant children,

another Governor with supremacist tendencies, promoted fear, hate crimes rose, the border was lighted and darkness set in. Proposition 187 passed, but the law fought back, the klan was defeated and for Pete's sake Wilson's true color was shown, the hood came off. NEVER AGAIN!

We live in a great country, and it is great because of its diversity. When people practice the principles of eugenics, the creating of a superior White Race, White Power, open racism we do not have to look to far to remember how hate kills. Brain Bilbray, former spokesperson for the hate group Federation of American Immigration Reform recently stated he could tell of a person was undocumented by the clothes they were, the shoes they have on and how they act. NEVER AGAIN!

When people remain in silence, while others are persecuted. The silence is heard around the world. Our brethren are hurting, our children are scared. We are all Arizona, and we will not be silent. If we really want change in the world, we must be that change. Only light overcomes darkness, love overcomes hate. NOW, IS THE TIME.

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