

Media Advisory for: November 1, 2010

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**Immigrant Rights Supporters and Legal Advocates To
Hold Rally and Press Conference in Response to
9th Circuit Appellate Court Hearing on SB 1070**

Advocates call for an end to the criminalization of immigrants

WHAT: Todos Somos Arizona rally and press conference at the Federal Building in anticipation of the review by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals of Arizona's anti-immigrant law, SB 1070.

WHO: Todos Somos Arizona, The National Immigration Law Center (NILC), National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON), IDEPSCA, The Labor Community Strategy Center, South Asian Network, and other immigrant rights supporters & legal advocates.

WHEN: 11AM, Monday, November 1, 2010

WHERE: Edward R. Roybal Federal Building (west side of the building near main entrance), 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA.

Background

This Monday, immigrant rights advocates will rally at the Federal Building at 11am in anticipation of a review by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco of the ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton that enjoined Arizona from enforcing elements of SB 1070. Legal advocates will be on hand to answer questions about the 9th Circuit Court hearing.

The decision from the Superior Court is regarding the ruling by Judge Bolton that Arizona could not implement one of the most controversial provisions of SB

1070, the requirement that law enforcement officials check the immigration status of anyone they have a “reasonable suspicion” may be undocumented. Advocates say this and other provisions of SB 1070 amount to racial profiling. Four hundred thousand people have been deported in 2009 alone, and the number of deportations for 2010 is projected to set a record high. A [recent report from NPR](#) has shown that the efforts to pass SB 1070 were supported financially by the private prison industry, which stands to benefit from the incarceration of immigrants under the law.

The groups rallying on Monday include demonstrators arrested in acts of civil disobedience in Los Angeles against SB1070. The demonstrators, who have stated they believe it is their “moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws,” have found themselves the targets of a politicized prosecution by the City Attorney’s office. The demonstrators, who have an arraignment November 5th, say the City Attorney is seeking to criminalize dissent in L.A. by threatening them with a year in jail for civil disobedience.

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