WITNESS AT THE BORDER

FEB 14-17, 2020: VALENTINE’S/PRESIDENT’S DAY WEEKEND
Witness at the Border to Restore Asylum
LOVE, NOT HATE. AMOR, NO ODIO.

Hundreds to Continue Ongoing Protest to Shed Light on Humanitarian Crisis, Family Separation Caused by “Remain in Mexico” (MPP)

What: LOVE, NOT HATE. AMOR, NO ODIO in Brownsville, Texas. Four days of witness & protest (schedule attached). Daily vigil at the border challenging US immigration policy began in January. We protest injustice of rigged tent courts, cruelty of MPP, and demand restoration of asylum.

Where: Xeriscape Park, corner of E. Elizabeth St. and International Blvd., Brownsville, Texas

Theme: Love, Not Hate / Amor, No Odio. Restore Asylum. Shine a Light on the Border.

When: The mobilization begins Friday 2/14, Rally at 4 pm, actions through Presidents’ Day Weekend.


Policy Background: A Year of Horrors (Human Rights First) documents a high level of violence against young girls and women, abductions, rape, and extortion, among 2,500 asylum seekers and migrants living in inhumane conditions in Matamoros, Mexico, facing a sham US justice system. Family separation continues. Since MPP began a year ago, approx, 60,000 migrants and asylum seekers (plus thousands more due to metering) are trapped on the Mexican side of the border. Asylum screenings now rushed.

For more information, write to witnessmpp@gmail.com. See Witness at the Border. Witness at the Border to Restore Asylum: Love, Not Hate: Amor, No Odio

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FRIDAY, February 14 - Love, Not Hate Rally
6am - 10am  Witness at the Brownsville Airport
7:30am  Witness at the Courts - Morning Session
9am - 4pm  Witness At The Border
noon - 4pm  Voter Registration (LUPE)
12pm  Witness at the Courts - Afternoon Session
4pm  Love, Not Hate Rally
Speakers:
Josh Rubin, Witness at the Border
Mayor Trey Mendez
Texas Senator Eddie Lucio Jr.
Democratic Party Chair Jarod Hoekama
Terri Burke, ACLU TX
Camilo Antonio Perez Bustillo, Former Director of Advocacy & Research, Hope
Border Inst. (El Paso)/Stanford Univ.
Juan Mancias, Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of TX
5:30pm  Music by Mariachi Mexico Noventa Del Alfonso Lopez
7pm  Witness at Tornillo screening, Location TBD (not confirmed)

Saturday, February 15 - Shine a Light on the Border
9am - 4pm  Witness At The Border
9am - 4pm  Voter Registration (LUPE)
12pm  Shine a Light on the Border March, meet at Xeriscape Park
1pm  March to Hope Park (1300 W Levee St) and back (1.2 mi round trip) - speakers at Hope Park:
Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas, Sierra Club
7pm  Shine a Light on the Border - Night Action (details are TBA)

Sunday, February 16 - Memorial and Live Music
9am - 4pm  Witness At The Border
9am - 4pm  Voter Registration (LUPE)
12pm  Memorial to Victims of harsh and punitive Immigration Laws
Speakers: Marina Vasquez, Witness at the Border
Dr. Amy Cohen, Every Last One
1pm  Musical Performances:
Austin artist, Leti Garza
Brownsville Accordionist, Fruity
Grupo Americanto
Monday, February 17 - Open Mic

6am - 10am  Witness at the Brownsville Airport
9am - 4pm   Witness At The Border
9am - 4pm   Voter Registration (LUPE)
10am - 4pm  Open Mic For Candidates and Elected Officials who will wear the “Free Them” button

Note:  Court will not be in session Saturday, Sunday or Monday.
The tent courts are directly across the street from Xeriscape Park.
Witnesses can picket in front of the courts anytime during the weekend.
There are no ICE flights on Saturday or Sunday.