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ADELANTE STATEMENT ON TRUMP’S ELECTION: “WE ARE READY FOR THIS”

Yazmin Contreras, Community Organizer at Adelante, reacts to the news of a Trump presidency:

“We are ready for this. Our people have a long history of resilience and resistance. We realize that these are tough times, but we will not give up. We have been continuously working hard, resisting racism, surviving the physical attacks and hateful speech hurled at us, organizing and building power within our communities. We aren’t going to stop now. In fact, we see Trump’s election as a desperate, misdirected reaction to the increasing visibility and power of black and brown people and the gains we have made against hate and inequality.

“Here in Alabama, our past experience has left us well prepared for a Trump presidency. When our state legislature passed the draconian anti-immigrant law HB 56, we didn’t retreat and flee. In fact, that law had the opposite effect – it brought us out of the shadows and into the streets to defend our rights and declare our resistance. We refused to accept this law that would criminalize so many of our people and separate so many of our families. We were able to push back against HB56, and our community ultimately emerged stronger than ever. I believe that a Trump presidency will have the same effect on not just Alabama, but our entire nation. We will use all the tools at our disposal to fight back. Now that we are out of the shadows, there’s no going back. ¡Aquí estamos y no nos vamos!”

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