

Southerners On New Ground

Not 1 More Deportation Campaign

APRIL 5th DAY OF ACTION MEDIA KIT



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TALKING POINTS

Why are LGBTQ people involved in Not1More Deportation Campaign?

- The Obama Administration is nearing 2 Million Deportations. LGBTQ/Queers across the country are standing up to say not 1 more precious life being ripped out of our communities via deportations. The fight for immigrant rights and queer liberation is about calling for an end to harmful and violent practices to control our bodies, our families, and our communities.
- The LGBTQ community in the South is increasingly a majority people of color community, and thousands of us are immigrants. To stop the deportations breaking our communities apart, groups across the country are making April 5th a national day of action under the banner "Two Million Too Many," saying that the President's approach on immigration needs to change.
- Not1More is about more than just ending deportations. It is about ending the criminalization of bodies and people made illegal through a history of U.S. colonialism and a broken immigration system. LGBTQ people get that, because we live that. Not1More is where we can align with national Immigrant rights leadership and also be accountable to our communities.

What are we demanding?

- Our communities and families can't wait for relief. The President does not have to wait for Congress to use his executive authority to stop the suffering. He could expand the deferred action program (DACA) he created for immigrant youth and suspend deportations immediately.
- We are calling for a permanent citizenship solution that transforms the very idea of citizenship. The history of this country is riddled with the use of papers, documentation, and legality as violent mechanisms that have criminalized indigenous people, queer and trans people, and people of color.
- **What Can the President Do without Congressional Approval?**
 - Expand DACA (Deferred Action) to adults
 - End the "Secure Communities" Act that criminalizes immigrants and threatens public safety
 - Rescind all 287(g) agreements that allow local law enforcement to act as agents of immigration
 - Revise the Morton Memos to stop classifying people as "high priority" or "criminal aliens" based on immigration violations and minor criminal offenses
 - End Operation Streamline which criminalizes migrants while private immigration detention centers make massive profits

The Blue Ribbon Commission

The Blue Ribbon Commission is a public response to President Obama's call for review of immigration detention and enforcement policies. The public commission is an independent review and assessment from the perspective of those who are affected by deportation policies that are criminalizing migrants, separating communities, and incarcerating thousands daily for profit.

MEDIA ADVISORY

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SONG Announces mobilizations and actions across the South and the Country as part of April 5th's National Day of Action!

As Obama Administration Nears Two Million Deportations, immigrant rights and LGBTQ Groups Across Country Say "Not One More," Urge White House Action.

As part of the national #Not1more Deportation campaign, Southerners On New Ground is planning and supporting actions in Atlanta, GA, Durham, NC and Harrisonburg, VA, to expose the human cost and cruelty of the deportation machine and highlight the hidden locations of our communities' suffering and isolation.

Atlanta, GA, rally and march will kick off Saturday April 5th @ 10AM at the GA Capitol Bldg, Downtown Atlanta (on Washington St) and we will walk to the ICE offices (Spring Street).

Harrisonburg, VA, rally and march will begin on Saturday April 5th @ 4PM on the Downtown Court Square and we will march to the local jail (South Liberty Street).

The protests and mobilizations are prompted by the record deportations under the Obama administration which are anticipated to hit the milestone of two million removals since he took office. Our communities and families can't wait for relief. The President does not have to wait for Congress to use his executive authority to stop the suffering. He could expand the deferred action program (DACA) he created for immigrant youth and suspend deportations immediately.

We know that as the detention and deportation crisis grow so does its effect on the LGBTQ immigrant community. We urge our broader community and allies to unite with the call for immediate action, like several of those who recently participated in the Not1More Direct Action in front of the Atlanta ICE Field Office in order to demand the release of their loved ones from GA and other Southern detention centers and an end to deportations nationally.

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Additional details **on the Atlanta, GA, Durham, NC and Harrisonburg, VA will be posted on our website at www.southernersonnewground.org**

More information on activities across the nation can be found at: <http://bit.ly/april5n1m> and by following #not1more #2million2many + #queeringimmigration

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MEDIA RELEASE

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LGBTQ Southerners Join the National Day of Action to End Deportation

Southerners on New Ground (SONG) is bringing the call of the national **Not1More campaign** to four locations in the South on Saturday, April 5th

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Durham & Raleigh, NC, Love Without Borders truck will begin @ 1PM at Durham Plaza Shopping Center, will move to the Durham Police Station @ 2PM and rally will begin @ 4PM at La Villa Latina at 421 Chapanoke Rd., Raleigh.

Birmingham, AL, #Not1More Teach-In weaving together the movements for racial, immigrant, and lgbtq justice begins @ 1PM. Location TBA. More info at www.facebook.com/events/653139421388685

SONG is part of the growing number of local, regional, and national actions where people are putting their bodies on the line to create pressure on the highest levels of the government. As a Southern regional LGBTQ organization we know that the LGBTQ community in the South is increasingly a majority people of color community and the South is rapidly growing home for new immigrants.

We take these actions for our people and the liberation movement we are advancing, for the 267,000 undocumented LGBTQ immigrant people living in the U.S. and for all of us who are terrorized daily by the policing of our bodies because of our race, gender, sexuality, or citizenship status.

Along with these actions, SONG members, Angel Hernandez-Gomez and Cecilia Sáenz Becerra, are participating in the Blue Ribbon Commission, an independent review process of the Obama Administration's deportation enforcement policies by people whose lives are directly affected by them.

We are calling on Obama to use the power of his office to take concrete, bold, and necessary actions to end our people's detentions and deportations now.

What Can the President Do without Congressional Approval?

1. Expand DACA (Deferred Action) to adults
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HASHTAGS & MEMES

#not1more
#ni1mas
#2million2many
#queeringimmigration
#shutdownICE

All meme's are available for download:

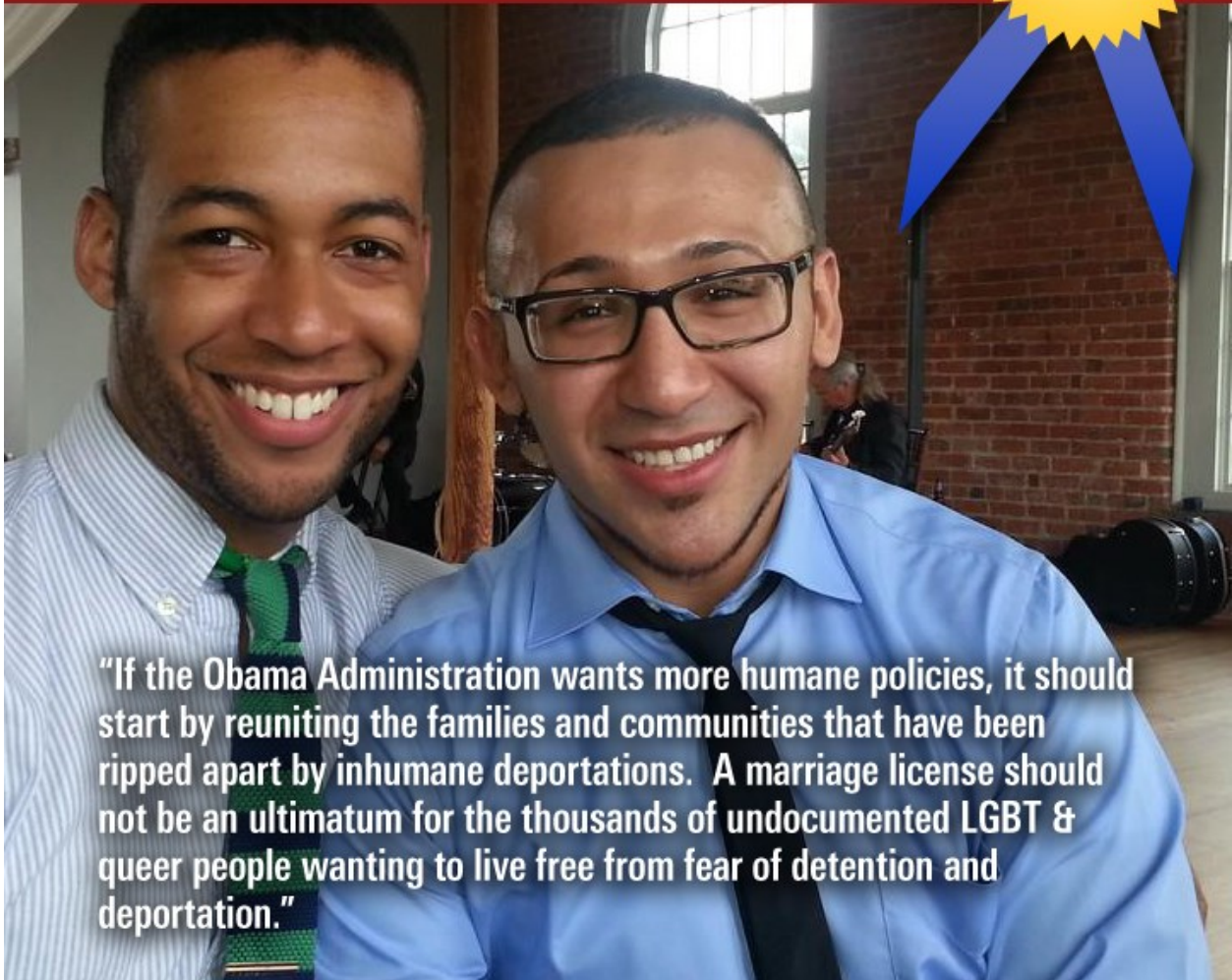
Angel Hernandez-Gomez Blue Ribbon Commission
<http://wp.me/a1CBWf-kj>

Cecilia Sáenz Becerra Blue Ribbon Commission
<http://wp.me/a1CBWf-kk>

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<http://wp.me/a1CBWf-jV>

ANGEL HERNANDEZ-GOMEZ

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MEMBER



"If the Obama Administration wants more humane policies, it should start by reuniting the families and communities that have been ripped apart by inhumane deportations. A marriage license should not be an ultimatum for the thousands of undocumented LGBT & queer people wanting to live free from fear of detention and deportation."

CECILIA SÁENZ BECERRA

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MEMBER

"As a queer immigrant from a mixed-status family, I have seen the suffering that these unjust laws & deportation crisis have caused my family and community; I know there are untold stories about the experiences LGBTQ people are facing in the deportation pipeline from AZ to the South. These issues and people are not separate, we are interconnected. President Obama as leader of this country needs to be accountable to the reality he has helped create."





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Read SONG's political statement about our involvement with the campaign. Available for download at <http://southernersonnewground.org/2014/03/comingoutofexile/>