Urgent Message from The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice

Dear Members and Friends of Peace and Justice,

As the coronavirus continues to spread across the country and throughout our communities here, we remain deeply concerned for the health and safety of our staff, our volunteers, our communities and all of you. In the midst of this struggle, we recognize that other challenges such as hate and racism keep rising. We recognize that war has not ceased. We recognize that threats to our environment continue to grow. We recognize that police injustice and lack of accountability goes unanswered. We also recognize that during this critical time, people will try and scam or take advantage of our most vulnerable friends, relatives and neighbors.

Our Asian brothers and sisters are being attacked and blamed for this pandemic and many have experienced violence and threats already. We urge everyone to speak out against this racist behavior and extend a kind hand of support when needed.

The Center is asking everyone to pull together with support for one another and keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. Here are some tips that can benefit all of us:

- The Center will be closed at least until April 6th if not longer. Please check with us to see if that date changes. Food Distribution will continue on Saturdays, and donations of food are needed.
- You can either drop off or we’ll come to you...to pick up non-perishable food items that we can give to unhoused and hungry individuals and families. More info: 315-4167
- Check on your neighbors and family members and friends by phoning them as often as you can.
- Remember to wash your hands as often as you can and especially when you have touched common surfaces.
- Stay home if you can.
- Please abide by the 6 feet away from others rule.
- Check the news regularly for updates and instructions.
- Use tissues when coughing or sneezing and dispose of them properly.
- If you must go out, limit your person to person contact.
- Remind our elderly to be on alert against scams where people may ask for social security numbers, bank accounts and credit information.

The Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center is taking bold steps to not only maintain a focus on critical issues but we are encouraging everyone to find safe ways to keep our activism moving. In the coming months, we will be introducing Restorative Justice programs and presenting more inclusive and culturally appropriate initiatives. We WILL get through this and we will get through it together. In the meantime...Stay Safe and Stay Well.

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org by the 20th of the month prior to your event. Send submissions for web calendar to web@abqpeaceandjustice.org. Contact Coordinator at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.
Good Food Distribution is still happening every Saturday from 8-10am. More info: 315-4167. The Peace Center accepts food donations Friday, 11am-12:30pm

Drum Family, we have collectively decided to postpone the Vigil for children and families separated at the border. For 238 days we have stood together in this witness to the atrocities taking place. We will bring this drum prayer into our home and hearts. We will be connecting online through ZOOM every Saturday at 5pm throughout April, until May 9. Join the meeting via us04web.zoom.us/j/3189889890, or dial by your location via: +1(253)215-8782 US; +1(301)715-8592 US, or find your local number via us04web.zoom.us/u/MykCUNfm. Meeting ID #: 318 988 980; Password: Drum. Email medicinedrumcircle@gmail.com for further details. Please get in touch; let us know how you are doing!

The local Activist Community Podcast will be done remotely, rather than at the Peace Center, for the indefinite future. Concerned community organizers and those who wish to call in remotely for a broadcast can call Tom Dent at 450-1268. Also, we are talking about starting up an internet radio station, which could be very useful during these times. If you'd like to announce an important community action, have important news or just need to vent, you can call to set up a remote interview, which we hope to get going here ASAP. Message, call (505)450-1268 or email Tom at tnldent4@msn.com.

Resist Tyranny Tuesday protests in front of the Simms Building downtown are postponed until further notice, but please, continue to RESIST! Please join our private email group: ResistAbq@gmail.com

The Peace Center Coordinating Council meetings have been moved to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. For further details call 268-9557 or email abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.

We will be postponing for a while the Necessary Conversations group that has been meeting every 3rd Friday from 1-2:30pm. This time of social distancing and isolation provides an excellent opportunity for self reflection. You can use this time to work through Layla Saad's excellent book Me and White Supremacy. You can gain a lot by listening to her Podcasts online. There are other resources on line as well. If we use this time wisely we will become more aware of our interconnectedness and motivated afresh to create a society that works for all and raises peace and justice to the forefront.

Monique Salhab gave us good advice in her perceptive article in the November Newsletter. White privilege is alive and well, and we whites have work to do. Peace and all good...Bryson Dean

St. Oscar Romero Catholic Community is hosting mass online Sundays at 1pm via fb.com/bloscaromero

Generation Justice is still broadcasting archival shows every Sunday, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM & kunm.org

Thank you from Sarina and Sasha!

Many of you were aware of our beloved office dog, Sasha and the battle she had with a severe eye loss. Many of you even contributed financially to support the medical care she received and as a result, we are happy to announce that Sasha had the eye surgery she needed and is back home with her owner, Sarina Carruthers. She is eating well and will hopefully regain her energy soon. Here is a thank you message from Sarina and Sasha...

"I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. Sasha is doing better after surgery. The eye is gone but she can still get around. She is eating mostly chicken and rice to get her strength back. Thank you for your support and good wishes. -Sarina Carruthers"

People of the Peace Center

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Note: The events below were still listed as taking place as of this writing. Very likely, many of them will be cancelled, postponed or go online as the date approaches. Please double-check all events for any changes using the info provided in the listings.

Sat. Apr. 4 & 18, 11am-1pm

**Socialist Reading Group**, every other Saturday at SWOP, 1002 Park Ave. SW, or most likely online. All are welcome, no advance reading required. Info/Updates: fb.com/events/183565122866255, abqdsa@gmail.com or info@abqdsa.org

The proposed 3rd **Activist Police Reform Workshop**, scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 1-3pm at the Peace Center has been put on hold indefinitely.

**Alternative Radio** still broadcasts every Saturday at 6pm on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. More info at alternativeradio.org. Upcoming schedule:

April 4- Joseph Stiglitz, “A New Social Contract”
April 11- Adam Winkler, “Corporate Constitutional Rights”
April 18- Stephen Kinzer, “The CIA Search for Mind Control”
April 25- Rashid Khalidi, “Palestine: A Case of Settler Colonialism”

Wednesday, April 8, 6pm

**Progressive Democrats of America Monthly Community Gathering** will be a live, Zoom-based webinar. The guest speakers will have 15 minutes to share their ideas on climate crisis-related issues and any actions we can take. Those at home will be invited to ask questions using the chat function. Details coming soon; find out more by emailing pandcm@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 11, 2-3pm

The 50th **Earth Day & Climate Strike Planning Meetings** are now taking place on Zoom. The next global climate strike has been called for April 22, 2020 - the 50th Anniversary of the Earth Day. Groups worldwide are calling for a massive student and general strike, and 3 days of direct action to create pressure on our elected officials. We are facilitating and leading the Climate Strike Planning process and we'll love for you to join us & get engaged and mobilized to take action. Please join us via zoom.us/j/345224038. Organized by Earth Care: earthcarenm.org or fb.com/earthcarenm

Saturday, April 11, 2-3pm

Now is the time to act on climate! **Conversations for Climate Action** is 350NM's monthly introduction to activism in and around New Mexico. Join the Conversation and find out how you can plug in and take action to fight the climate crisis with 350 New Mexico. Info/Updates: fb.com/events/217834229367558

Saturday, Apr. 11, 4pm

**Special Memorial for Ellen Robinson** - Anyone who knew Ellen is welcome to join us for this celebration of her life at the Peace & Justice Center. If you're not a regular member of the Unitarian Fellowship, please let us know that you will be attending so that we can make arrangements for accommodations by emailing renu.nrg@gmail.com. We would appreciate knowing your name and how many people will be in your party, and if they require any special needs. Info/Updates: abquuf.org/memorial-service-for-ellen-robinson.html

Week of April 17-26:

**Annual Week of Faith & Climate Action** organized by NM Interfaith Power and Light. Congregations across the nation are planning Sacred Activism events as part of this year’s theme, “Love Made Visible: Engaging in Sacred Activism” to protect the people we love and care about who are most impacted by climate change.

In light of the spread of COVID-19 events will switch to the virtual realm. The Faith Climate Action Week kit can help you plan virtual events or switch to virtual, and find suggestions for messages and images from IPL leaders across the nation. Download the kit via faithclimateactionweek.org/sign-up-to-download-materials.

If your public Sacred Activism event is cancelled, encourage members of your congregation to post photos of themselves with their placards to social media using the hashtag FaithClimateActionWeek. Your event will have greater impact when everyone does it at the same time using the same hashtag. Be sure to write a faith-based message and the name of your congregation on your placard. Info/Updates: nm-ipl.org/events

Saturday, April 18, Noon-5pm

The 50th **Earth Day & Climate Strike Planning Meetings** are now taking place on Zoom. Please join us via zoom.us/j/345224038, and see April 11 listing above. Organized by EarthCare: earthcarenm.org or fb.com/earthcarenm
Calendar of Special Events

Saturday, April 18, 6:30-9pm
Earth Day Viewing of *The Human Element*, a new documentary from the producers of *The Cove* and *Chasing Ice*, in which environmental photographer James Balog captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change. Hosted by NM Interfaith Power & Light at John XXIII Catholic Community, 4831 Tramway Ridge Dr NE. The event will begin with a potluck, followed by the screening, with breaks for discussion during the movie. Trailer: youtube.com/watch?v=k34FhplukXQ. Event will open & close with prayers from Catholic Climate Covenant. Updates: fb.com/events/226962541816036

Sunday, April 19, 11am-3pm
**Spring Plant Sale** to benefit Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center, in front of the Mine Shaft Tavern in Madrid, NM; location subject to change. Come get some veggies and herb starts, grown organically with rainwater and love. Info/Updates: ampersandproject.org

Monday, April 20, 5:30-8pm
**Laudato Si Retreat Series: Deep Listening**, hosted by NM Interfaith Power & Light at St. Therese Little Flower Church, 300 Mildred Ave NW. Soup and bread, prayerful reflection and sharing on aspects of the Papal Encyclical Laudato Si. This is the next in a series of retreat times for those who are engaged actively and want to engage others in addressing climate justice. Info/Updates: fb.com/events/18737782699258

Wednesday, April 22, 5-9pm
NM Interfaith Power & Light present **Earth Day** at Jewish Community Center, 5520 Wyoming Blvd NE. This free event will feature climate-healthy food, a climate change fair, under 21 concert, and a youth panel discussion. Non-profit tabling begins at 5pm, program 7-9pm. Info/Updates: Danny Hernandez, 505-385-2773 and fb.com/events/824090284757709

Saturday, Apr. 25, Noon-5pm
**4th Annual Healing Circle**, hosted by Pueblo Action Alliance at El Chante: Casa de Cultura, 804 Park Ave SW. This event is centered as a space for indigenous people to empower and recharge while daily working to be heard and respected, which is taxing on the body and spirit. Within this work of protecting our lifeways and fighting for liberation, it is also vital that we nourish ourselves with self-care. Info/Updates: fb.com/events/2537704906452566 or fb.com/puebloactionalliance

Saturday, April 25, 5-8pm
**A Prayer for Compassion** movie screening hosted by Plant-Based Eating NM and Unity Spiritual Center ABQ at Unity Spiritual Center, 9800 Candelaria Rd NE, Doors open 5pm, movie at 6pm. Refreshments provided, and this free event is open to all. Info/Updates: Tony Quintana, 908-9176, plantbased@apnm.org or fb.com/events/573516263265997

Sunday, April 26, 3-4:30pm
**Lamentation, Prayers, and Hope for the Earth**, an interfaith and intergenerational prayer and ritual, featuring drummers, cello players and other musicians. Hosted by NM Interfaith Power & Light at Holy Family Church, 562 Atrisco Dr SW. Participants represent diverse religious traditions. All are invited. Info/Updates: fb.com/events/1718321924975807

**The Joint Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony** in Tel Aviv is produced and led by Combatants for Peace. It has been held on Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) for the last fourteen years. The planned live stream of the ceremony at Nahalat Shalom is cancelled, but we will likely have a plan for private streaming on April 27. Updates: jelevitt4@gmail.com.

Save the Dates:

**“As Is Told...”** is a new series highlighting storytellers. The themed performances include personal stories and highlight the old tales that have survived the ages, and whose universal themes still resonate. The series will be offered the 3rd Sunday of the month from 4-6pm, initially on a quarterly basis and starting July 19 at the P&J. Suitable for ages 12 and up, $10 at door. Check the P&J website, newsletter and calendar for updates, also email elaine@embodiedvoicestoryarts.com for details.

The 2020 VFP Convention Planning committee met recently via ZOOM online and decided that the annual in-person VFP National Convention to be held August 2020 in NM and ABQ would be postponed until at least August 2021. The convention will be held online this year. The details of such online convention are unfolding, contact vhtiwal@gmail.com for more info.

The August 2020 **Pace e Bene** convention in ABQ is on hold at this point as well, as are Pace e Bene activities relating to the Trinity Downwinders and memorial for the Church Rock Uranium Mine Disaster. The next meeting of Pace e Bene planning for NM is scheduled at the P&J on June 13, 2020, 12:30-4:30pm. Again, contact vhtiwal@gmail.com for more info.
We need to keep making Progress... We are facing some challenging times with the coronavirus creating confusion and fear and even panic in our communities as a result of uncertainty and mixed messages about what we should be doing. In this edition of our newsletter, we will offer some good information on how we can cope with the impact of this pandemic as it continues to spread.

In the meantime, we are seeing Progress at the Center as we make leadership changes and make plans to offer a restorative justice gathering in the near future.

With the departure of three members of the Coordinating Council for example, the Center is looking to invite people of color to join us as we strive for more transparency and inclusion.

In my short time on the job here at Peace and Justice, I have committed to moving us towards more action and community education around critical issues we all face. We are looking to introduce new programs and build new community partnerships and above all, I want to know from you how we can be more supportive of the work you are doing in committees and as PAJOLA groups. The coronavirus will not make homelessness go away. It will not make environmental injustice disappear. Health disparities and food deserts are still part of our realities. Criminal justice and police reforms remain topics not only for discussion but for real action. The government is still spending billions on endless and illegal wars while the president stokes the fires of racism, bigotry and divisiveness.

This is a time when Peace and Justice voices need to be united more than ever. Individual agendas and personal differences should have no place in the work we do. I am working for all of us and I hope you will too.

Jim Harvey, Executive Director

Even in Troubled Times the Community Steps Up to Take On Responsibility...

The recent vacancies of three members of the Coordinating Council came with a generally stated concern that the CC was not representative of communities of color and that the composition must change. A call was sent out and good and committed people with vision and skills responded and we are pleased to report that not only did we fill those vacancies but we also have at least two interim members who will be presented to the membership at the next annual meeting.

Our new members are:
Tonya Covington, Specialist in Restorative Justice and Conflict Mediation
Vernon Butler, African American Activist, educator and Historian
Hope Alvarado, Activist and leader for Red Nation

Our two Interim Members are:
Tom Dent, Former CC Member and Police Reform activist and Podcast Host
Elizabeth Smith, Former Secretary for United Nations Association, Albuquerque.

These members join Samia Assed, Rashid Ahmad, and Margarita Mercure. We are expecting one additional community member to be nominated soon. Please join us in welcoming this new and energetic Coordinating Council which includes two African Americans, two Muslims, two Indigenous women, one Latina and one Caucasian. We hope to have bios and photos for the new CC members in the May 2020 newsletter.

Visualizing What We Need

For further issues of the P&J newsletter, let’s develop a wish list of items, skills, trainings, help, or anything else to help the Peace Center function more effectively. Email suggestions to: monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org.

For example: We’re in need of new tenants at the P&J! We have two single room offices available in the building for groups working on social justice issues. Both come complete with a desk and a storage closet, and rent is $250/month. Please call 268-9557 or stop by 202 Harvard Dr. SE to see the office and/or to pick up a rental application form. For more info, email abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.

And finally… we value our volunteers greatly, and extend a warm welcome to new and returning volunteers. Volunteers with skills like building maintenance, grant writing and general office skills are sorely needed, too. Thank you so much. Contact Martha to get involved: martha@abqpeaceandjustice.org.
Albuquerque Water Authority Finds Greater Contamination than in Air Force Report
By Dave McCoy, J.D., Executive Director, Citizen Action New Mexico
March 12, 2020 - Citizen Action New Mexico has obtained a January 2020 Albuquerque Water Authority technical memo that questions the conclusions in an Air Force (AF) report that there is “significant reduction” of jet fuel contamination between the ground surface and the groundwater (the vadose zone). Among the Water Authority conclusions are that “fuel related compounds such as xylenes, EDB and ethyl benzene were detected above the reporting limit at KAFB [monitoring well] 106S9, indicating a much broader presence of fuel-related contamination than what is concluded in the Report.”

The Water Authority memo identifies serious problems with the AF collection of sampling data. The Water Authority states there are “likely biases … towards lower/reduced concentrations of fuel contaminants at the site.” Estimates of the Kirtland AFB jet fuel spill range from 6 to 24 million gallons.

The AF reported its findings in a source area characterization report that was supposed to resolve data gaps about the extent and concentration levels of fuel contamination necessary to develop a conceptual model to guide future remediation work. The information was to come from soil corings drilled at various locations and depths. The source area where the jet fuel spill occurred is particularly problematic because without cleanup it can continue releasing highly toxic chemicals such as benzene, toluene and ethylene dibromide (EDB) to Albuquerque’s drinking water aquifer. No approved plan for the cleanup of the source material exists.

The AF did not follow the New Mexico Environment Department’s work plan for the investigation.

- The Air Force obtained biased lower readings for soil contamination because it allowed soil core temperatures to be too high from drilling speed vibration.
- Laboratory reports documented concerns they couldn’t quantify contamination because some corings were held too long before sampling.
- Field sampling of the cores was not performed by a mandatory technique using a photoionization detector (PID). Instead the AF used Ultraviolet (UV) screening that was not approved.
- The AF ignored sample data that showed contamination was above the required reporting limits. Some higher sample contamination levels were skipped while lower sample results were instead presented.
  The memo found a “Lack of consistent sampling depth across the boring locations thus requiring data interpolation and modeling instead of soil characterization data that was intended to fill the source area characterization data gap.”
  - Decreased concentration claimed for off-base areas are not supported by statistical data.
  - The AF claimed remediation by natural processes but microbial analyses of the core samples were not reported.

The Water Authority memo concludes with the following concerns:
“Failure to delineate the extent of the remaining fuel contamination could result in a persistent source to groundwater and increase the amount of time it will take to clean-up the impacted groundwater source.”

- Data collected and summarized in the Report does not address outstanding source data gaps.
- The Report “lacks the robust update/review of the source area conceptual model.”

A statistical analysis of concentration trends is imperative. Using reduced concentrations and flawed data about the extent of contamination led to erroneous conclusions about remediation. The AF findings are compromised because of the:

- biased data towards lower/reduced concentrations of fuel contaminants at the site
- use of data reported that was outside core holding times and core temperatures that were too high
- use of a limit of detection (LOD) greater than reported results.
- lack of consistent sampling across depth intervals

The Water Authority memo recommends that NMED and the AF should review the entirety of the laboratory reports to understand the scope of the data quality problems. As of this writing, neither NMED nor the AF have responded to the Water Authority Technical Memo alleged erroneous findings.

For more information, contact Dave McCoy, (818) 448-9981
The Racism that Coronavirus Brings

Mon. March 16 - This week has been a rough one. In the wake of Coronavirus arriving in New Mexico, we are now in a state of emergency as declared by the Governor. Since last Wednesday, 13 people have been confirmed with the disease, and stories of racism have emerged from within our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Last Friday night, Asian Noodle bar was tagged with racist graffiti in the back of their store. And, earlier this past week, KOBI reported that a UNM student was the subject of a racist prank at Lobo Village. These incidents serve as a reminder of the racism that Asian Americans have experienced historically in New Mexico and throughout the United States.

Racism is completely unacceptable. I’m calling on our political and community leaders, emergency managers, and educators to do a better job of calling out racism in our community. Our leaders need to pay special attention to the impact that this disease and the response to its spread may have on people and communities of color.

There are ways you can help as well. Check out Hollaback!’s Guide to Bystander Intervention. We all play a role in creating safe public space by supporting each other when we’re harassed. That’s what bystander intervention is all about. If you see harassment, it’s important to remember the 5 D’s in intervening:
- Distract—Take an indirect approach to de-escalate the situation
- Delay—After the incident is over, check in with the person who was harassed
- Direct—Assess your safety first. Speak up about the harassment. Be firm and clear.
- Document—It can be helpful for the target to have a video of the incident.
- Laws about recording in public vary, so check local laws first.

Finally, if you, or someone you know, experience discrimination, we encourage you to contact the Asian American Assoc. of NM to share your story, to the extent you’re comfortable. They can be reached at (505) 750-3631 or email info@aaanm.us. The City of Albuquerque also reminds us that all discrimination should be reported to the City of Albuquerque Office of Civil Rights at (505) 768-4595 or email civilrights@cabq.gov.

— By Robert Blanquera Nelson
For updates and information about the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in New Mexico, visit cv.nmhealth.org. The CDC also has a daily update, under COVID-19 Cases in the U.S: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

To apply for Unemployment Insurance visit the Workforce Connections website (jobs.state.nm.us) or call 877-664-6984.

People need to be able to seek care if they need testing or treatment for COVID-19. There are an estimated 56,000 uninsured residents in New Mexico who are eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled. During this public health emergency, I urge you, your friends and family to check if you/they are eligible for Medicaid, if uninsured. If you don’t qualify for Medicaid, we will help you connect with other coverage options.

To apply, visit yes.state.nm.us or call 1-855-637-6574. If you have any questions, please contact me, Abuko D. Estrada, Supervising Attorney, NM Center on Law & Poverty, via abuko@nmpovertylaw.org.

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham wants you to understand:
During the emergency health declaration, the state will temporarily register family, friend and neighbor (FFN) providers who may be eligible to receive child care assistance funding. Interested parties can call 1-833-551-0518. Temporary FFN providers will be required to complete a background check, as will all family members over the age of 18 living in their home. Temporary FFN providers will also be required to complete a three-hour online health and safety training, and an online CPR training.

The state’s Child Care Resource & Referral line to help families find child care: 1-800-691-9067; NewMexicoKids.org.

**New Mexico Caregiver Emergency Child Care Grants**

As our readers well know, New Mexico caregivers and care workers are needed now more than ever to care for our state’s elderly and persons with disabilities. Caregivers of young children are especially hard hit because schools are closed due to COVID-19 precautions. Consequently, many caregivers NOW have the additional economic burden of meeting the cost of child care. To assist with this unexpected hardship, NM Caregivers Coalition is offering immediate Caregiver Emergency Child Care Grants to NM caregivers and home care workers with a young child/children (aged 0-12) in childcare settings.

Eligibility for Caregiver Emergency Child Care Grants:
- Person who works as a home care worker and has young child/children (0-12) in childcare settings.

Applications must be accompanied by proof of payment for child care service(s) such as copy of receipt dated March 9, 2020 or later from the provider.

Child care providers recognized under emergency NM Public Health Order(s) may apply.

Grant amount is $100. Applicant may apply up to three (3) times, once per month.

To request application: info@nmdcc.org. Applications may be submitted via fax to (505) 393-5101, emailed to info@nmdcc.org or mailed to P.O. Box 297, Bernalillo, NM 87004.

**Coronavirus Impacts on City Services**
cabq.gov/news/coronavirus-impacts-on-city-services includes good info on how you can give or get help.

For meal services at senior meal sites, check cabq.gov/seniors for the most current information. Home delivered meals will continue to operate as normal. Seniors 60+ interested in receiving meals from Senior Affairs should call (505)764-6400; priority service is for home bound seniors. Smiths and Albertson’s are opening an hour early for seniors and disabled people to shop. At Smith’s, it’s Mon/Wed/Fri, 7-8 am.

In response to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 and the U.S. Government’s less than proactive response to it, we are proud to announce the beginning of a project to organize tenants and renters across ABQ, the ABQ Tenants’ Association. Please fill out the Google Form at forms.gle/U4bCWRlFbUI8zWnT7, so we can start building a list of people who are interested in helping reshape the balance of power between landlords and renters.

We believe that nobody should be evicted, let alone evicted during a pandemic with social isolation and quarantine guidelines in effect. However, we cannot do this alone, we need your help. Please fill out the survey, let your friends know, share it as widely as possible and we will be in contact with you to start coordinating things at your apartment complex or rental home. Find us online at fb.com/AbqTenants

Fight For Our Lives also has a great resource guide on their web page, via ABQ Mutual Aid: ffol.org/mutualaid.html