

POSITION STATEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED ALBUQUERQUE LIVING WAGE OF
\$7.50 - JULY 6, 2005

The New Mexico Human Rights Coalition concurs that the proposed living wage of \$7.50 provides an economic development strategy for Albuquerque that works, paying workers a wage that supports a family, putting new wealth into our local economy, and leveling the playing field for the small businesses that employ a majority of the Albuquerque workforce.

The Coalition endorses the petition campaign to put the question on the October 4, 2005, Albuquerque municipal ballot for voters to decide.

There is still time for registered voters, within the City of Albuquerque, to show their support by signing the petition as well as collecting signatures. The deadline is July 18.

Petitions can be obtained on the website: www.abqlivingwage.org.

You can help by downloading the petition and ordinance, collecting signatures, and sending your completed petitions to: albqlivingwage.org, at 411 Bellamah NW, Albuquerque 87102.

Here's how:

Step 1: Download the petition

Step 2: Download the text of the full ordinance

Step 3: Read the following instructions carefully:

§ A copy of the full, proposed ordinance must accompany the petitions that are circulating so that signers can read the full text if they so wish.

§ Signers must be individuals who are registered to vote within the City of Albuquerque-County residents are not eligible to sign.

§ Signers must sign as their name and address appear on the registration rolls. If someone is unsure of the address or name under which they are registered, have them sign multiple times-once for each possible address, or once for each likely variation of their name.

§ Signers may register to vote as they are signing, but their signature will be invalid if their registration has not been processed by the Bernalillo County Clerk by the time the City Clerk verifies the petition signatures.

§ Make sure to write legibly. Write the printed name and address of the signer yourself if that helps guarantee legibility.

§ RETURN COMPLETED PETITIONS as soon as possible! The final day to turn in petitions to the City Clerk is July 18, but the sooner Albuquerque Living Wage has the petitions in hand, the sooner they can check them against the voter database, make corrections if possible, and track the progress towards their goal of 13,400 valid signatures.