

#UNIDOSCONFRANCISCO TOOLKIT

Introduction

Hello everyone! Thank you so much for your support of Francisco Aguirre during this trying time as he grieves the murder of his young son Moises and faces the prospect of prison time for being a refugee.

Here is a brief description of the situation:

Francisco Aguirre is a day labor leader from Portland who is being prosecuted by the federal government for fleeing probable death in El Salvador after being deported more than fifteen years ago. This prosecution is retaliation for publicly seeking sanctuary in a church after ICE tried to take him away from his family and he asserted their need for a warrant.

On February 2nd, Francisco's teenage son Moises was murdered in El Salvador after he left Oregon due to fear of being abused in DHS custody again like he had been when he first sought asylum as a seventeen-year-old.

Yet, the DOJ is still prosecuting Francisco for not staying to be murdered like so many members of his family have been. His trial is scheduled to begin April 19th.

Here are our demands for the campaign:

- (1) To DOJ: Drop the Charges Against Francisco
- (2) To DHS/White House: Grant TPS to Central American refugees like Moises so others aren't returned to their deaths
- (3) To DHS/DOJ: Stop referring for prosecution/prosecuting Central Americans for fleeing violence

Next Steps & Our Request from You -

- 1. MOST IMPORTANT:** If you are part of an organization, please sign a new organizational support letter for Francisco that has been updated to reflect the death of his son. The new letter is attached. Sign-ons are due by COB March 9th (Wednesday). Sign here: <http://goo.gl/forms/Jg2sXTx7ni>
- 2. Please sign the petition for individuals here ASAP:** <http://bit.ly/UnidosConFrancisco>
- 3. Please share the petition on your organizations' social media accounts** using the hashtag #UnidosConFrancisco. The petition is in both English and Spanish: <http://bit.ly/UnidosConFrancisco>
- 4. Please tweet any of the sample tweets found here:** <http://unidosconfrancisco.com/share-this>
- 5. Please follow the Unidos Con Francisco Facebook page and like and share the posts** using the hashtag #UnidosConFrancisco: <https://www.facebook.com/unidosconfrancisco>
- 6. Please share the new Unidos Con Francisco website** using the hashtag #UnidosConFrancisco. It will be updated with videos and other developments soon: <http://unidosconfrancisco.com>
- 7. Please follow the Unidos Con Francisco twitter and like and retweet the posts:** <https://twitter.com/unitedwithfco>
- 8. Please post the attached posters on your social media** with #UnidosConFrancisco. There are versions in both Spanish and English. You can also share them directly from our twitter and Facebook pages.
- 9. There will be events for the campaign in Portland and El Salvador soon. We are calling for other places to also hold events. Please contact Alexis (alexis@ndlon.org) or Claudia (cbautista@ndlon.org).** We can support with press releases, media outreach, etc.
- 10. Please write op-eds, engage local elected officials, reach out to journalists, etc!** Just let us know what you're thinking and coordinate with us by email (alexis@ndlon.org or cbautista@ndlon.org)
- 11. Please forward this information widely!**

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions!

- Unidos Con Francisco

Sample Tweets -

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Organizational Sign-on Letter -

Organizations can sign on to this letter by Wed. March 9th here: <http://goo.gl/forms/Jg2sXTx7ni>

March ___, 2016

Dear Attorney General Lynch, U.S. Attorney Williams, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Nyhus,

We undersigned labor, faith, immigrant rights, and civil rights organizations are following up on the previous letter sent on September 8, 2015 and write to ask that you dismiss the reentry charges currently against Portland labor leader Francisco Aguirre (docket case: #3:14-cr-00400-JO-1). In addition to the concerns mentioned in the previous letter, we wanted to highlight the recent tragic murder in El Salvador of Mr. Aguirre's 19-year-old son Denis Moises Escalante Aguirre, known as Moises by his friends and family.

Francisco was told by Salvadoran police that Moises had been playing soccer with friends when two men called his name. When he answered, they told him that they were ordered to kill him and shot him sixteen times. His legs almost fell apart from his body due to the impact of the shooting. Horrifically, Moises is just one of many close family members of Mr. Aguirre who have died from the violence in El Salvador.

Moises had been living in Oregon with his father after asking for asylum himself. He had become well-known by activists in Portland and accompanied his father in his work in the community. However, Moises had been so traumatized by his experiences in a child refugee detention center and was terrified by the targeting of his father by DHS and also the prosecution by DOJ, that he became convinced he would end up imprisoned again if he stayed in the United States. Moises begged to return to El Salvador and did so in July 2015. He was dead a little over six months later.

While Mr. Aguirre mourns his son and must explain their brother's vicious murder to his two young U.S. citizen daughters, he and his family must also live in fear of the reentry charge he is facing from your office and the trial that begins April 19th. We request again that in light of the death of Moises, you exercise your prosecutorial discretion to drop the charge and let Mr. Aguirre and his family grieve in peace. We also request more generally that in light of the widespread violence in the Northern Triangle (El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras), your office refrain from prosecuting for entry and reentry those fleeing violence and death in those countries. Moises is a tragic example of the real consequences of deterrence of refugees through prosecution.

Mr. Aguirre is an influential leader of the immigrant rights and labor movements, and he is a pillar within the community. He was the worker center coordinator for the VOZ Workers' Rights Education Project in Portland, which is a worker-led organization that empowers immigrants and day laborers to gain control over their working conditions through leadership development, organizing, and community education. Through his work as an organizer, he has helped workers collect \$500,000 in stolen wages, has helped improve health and safety labor standards, and organized neighborhood clean-ups. He is a passionate advocate for people's

rights and is a musician who sings for social justice causes. Francisco is also a trailblazer of the national movement advocating for the rights of day laborers and has worked closely with the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON).

The prosecution of Mr. Aguirre would constitute a grave injustice for him, his family, and the community. We request that you dismiss the charges immediately.

Thank you,

Augustana Lutheran Church

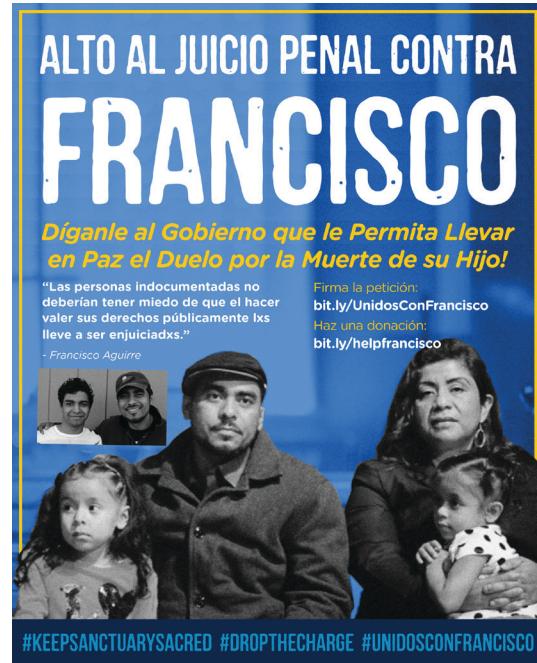
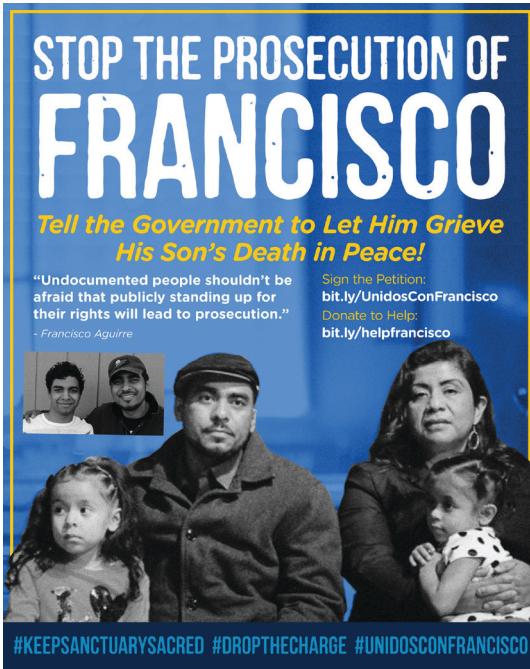
National Day Laborer Organizing Network

VOZ Workers' Rights Education Project

Sample Images to Share -

Download these images here:

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En español:

Introducción -

¡Hola a todos y todas!

Muchas gracias por su apoyo a Francisco Aguirre durante este tiempo en el que está de duelo por el asesinato de su joven hijo Moisés y en el que se enfrenta a la posibilidad de pasar tiempo en la cárcel por ser un refugiado.

Aquí hay una breve descripción de la situación:

Francisco Aguirre es un líder jornalero de Portland que está siendo procesado por el gobierno federal por huir de una probable muerte en El Salvador después de haber sido deportado hace más de quince años. Este procesamiento es en represalia por haber buscado públicamente santuario en una iglesia después de que ICE trató de separarlo de su familia y él afirmó la necesidad de ICE de tener una orden judicial.

El 2 de febrero, Moisés, el hijo adolescente de Francisco, fue asesinado en El Salvador después de dejar Oregon debido al temor de ser abusado de nuevo en custodia del DHS, como lo había sido cuando buscó asilo a los diecisiete años de edad.

Sin embargo, el Departamento de Justicia sigue procesando a Francisco por no quedarse para ser asesinado, como lo han sido muchos miembros de su familia. Su juicio está programado para comenzar el 19 de abril.

Aquí están nuestras demandas para la campaña:

- (1) Para el Departamento de Justicia: retirar los cargos contra Francisco**
- (2) Para el DHS / Casa Blanca: Dar TPS a lxs refugiadxs centroamericanxs como Moisés para que otrxs no sean deportadxs a su muerte**
- (3) Para el DHS / Departamento de Justicia: Dejar de referir para que sean procesadxs / procesar a lxs centroamericanxs por haber huido de la violencia**

Proximos pasos -

A continuación hay algunos pasos a seguir que solicitamos de ustedes.

- 1. IMPORTANTE: Si usted es parte de una organización, por favor firme la nueva carta en apoyo a Francisco de parte de su organización, pues se ha actualizado para reflejar la muerte de su hijo. Adjunta está la nueva carta. La fecha límite para firmar es el 9 de marzo (miércoles) a las 5pm. Firme aquí: <http://goo.gl/forms/Jg2sXTx7ni>**
- 2. Por favor, firme la petición para individuos lo antes posible aquí: <http://bit.ly/ UnidosConFrancisco>**
- 3. Por favor, comparta la petición en las cuentas de redes sociales de su organización utilizando el hashtag #UnidosConFrancisco. La petición está en inglés y en español: <http:// bit.ly/UnidosConFrancisco>**
- 4. Por favor, twittée cualquiera de los ejemplo de tweets que se encuentran aquí: <http:// unidosconfrancisco.com/share-this>**
- 5. Por favor, siga la página de facebook Unidos con Francisco, póngale "me gusta" y comparta los mensajes usando el hashtag #UnidosConFrancisco: <https://www.facebook. com/unidosconfrancisco>**
- 6. Por favor, comparta el nuevo sitio web Unidos con Francisco usando el hashtag #UnidosConFrancisco. Pronto será actualizado con videos y otras novedades: <http:// unidosconfrancisco.com>**
- 7. Por favor, siga el twitter Unidos con Francisco, póngale "me gusta" y retwittée los mensajes: <https://twitter.com/unitedwithfco>**
- 8. Por favor, publique en sus redes sociales, con #UnidosConFrancisco, los afiches adjuntos. Hay versiones en español e inglés. También los puede compartir directamente desde nuestro twitter y páginas de Facebook.**
- 9. Pronto habrá eventos en Portland y El Salvador para la campaña. Estamos pidiendo que otros lugares también organicen eventos. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Alexis (alexis@ndlön.org) o Claudia (cbaautista@ndlön.org). Podemos apoyar con comunicados de prensa, difusión a los medios, etc.**
- 10. Por favor, escriba artículos de opinión, involucre a representantes electos locales, comuniqúese con periodistas, etc. Simplemente háganos saber lo que está pensando y coordine con nosotrxs por correo electrónico (alexis@ndlön.org o cbaautista@ndlön.org).**
- 11. Por favor, envíe este correo electrónico ampliamente!**

¡Muchas gracias y déjenos saber si tiene alguna preguntas!

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