Nuevo Plan de Aztlan

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WHEREAS, We the Chicanas y Chicanos of the United States of America honor Our Native American heritage with all Our hearts and minds.

WHEREAS, We the Chicanas y Chicanos of the United States of America honor the sacred call of Our Native American ancestors for Peace and Justice throughout Our Americas; and

WHEREAS, We the Chicanas y Chicanos of the United States of America recognize La Raza has been struggling with a new wave of racial harassment, discrimination and persecution in and outside Our Americas since September 11, 2001.

NOW THEREFORE, We the Chicanos y Chicanos of the United States of America resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This resolution may be cited as NUEVO PLAN DE AZTLAN.

SECTION 2. TERMINOLOGY

Nuevo Plan de Aztlan is based on the following terms:

a) Abya Yala (Our Americas)

"Abya Yala" means "Continent of Life" in the language of the Kuna peoples of Panama and Colombia. The Aymara leader Takir Mamani suggested the selection of this name (which the Kuna use to denominate the American continents in their entirety), and proposed that all Indigenous peoples in the Americas utilize it in their documents and
oral declarations. "Placing foreign names on our cities, towns and continents," he argued, "is equal to subjecting our identity to the will of our invaders and to that of their heirs."

The proposal of Takir Mamani has found a favorable reception in various sectors.

b) Americanas y Americanos

Americanas y Americanos are ALL AMERICANS in and from throughout Our Americas regardless of Our mixed and diverse races, colors, languages, cultures, nationalities, traditions, ethnicities, religions and creeds.

c) Americas

Our Americas includes all the Americas including the Caribbean Islands.

d) Aztlan

The concept of Aztlan is derived from the Nahua history of the Mexicas before their southern migration from Norte America into Centro Mexico during the 11th Century. Aztlan today is Indigenas of Mexican-American and(or) Mexican descent who consider Ourselves Chicanas y Chicanos regardless of where We were born, live or die.

e) Carnalismo

Carnalismo is the love and compassion Chicanas y Chicanos have for each other, as carnalas y carnales. Carnalismo is what unites and strengthens Chicanas y Chicanos as We struggle for Peace and Justice.

f) Chicanas y Chicanos

Chicanas y Chicanos are U.S. born Indigenas of Mexican-American and(or) Mexican
descent who consider Ourselves Chicanas y Chicanos based on Our Native American heritage.

g) El Movimiento Chicano

El Movimiento is Our Chicana y Chicano Movement for Peace and Justice. El Movimiento is comprised of numerous academic, athletic, artistic, business, commercial, cultural, professional, educational, political, recreational, social, spiritual, wholistic and other Chicana y Chicano organizations and individuals working for Peace and Justice throughout Aztlan, Our Americas and the world.

h) Heritage

Our Native American heritage or inheritance includes Our ancestral lands and freedoms, and all the histories, cultures, traditions and mores of Our Native American ancestors that have been stolen from Us along with Our interracial richness.

i) Indigenas

Often called Native Americans or American Indians, Indigenas are all the indigenous peoples of Our Americas including those of mixed-race heritage like La Raza.

j) La Causa

La Causa is for Peace and Justice, the eternal cause of Chicanas y Chicanos who recognize there can be no true Peace without true Justice, i.e., the abolition of poverty, racism, sexism and all other Injusticias in Our Americas.

k) La Raza
Chicanas y Chicanos can be Black, White, Brown, Red, Yellow and(or) any other “skin color” like the rest of La Raza and the human race. The concept of La Raza was derived from a 1925 essay published by Jose Vasconcelos, a Mexican educator who called the millions of mixed-race Indigenas with Latin-American and(or) Latin-European ancestors "La Raza Cosmica."

La Raza is comprised of every race, color, nationality, ethnicity, culture, language, religion and creed in the world. This rich diversity is the unifying power, force and strength of Chicanas y Chicanos, and of all La Raza as We grow to know, understand and honor Our great heritage.

l) Latinas y Latinos

Latinas y Latinos of Our Americas are Indigenas with a Latin-American and(or) Latin-European heritage. Millions of Latinas y Latinos also have African, Asian and other Non-Latino ancestors.

m) Racism

* Racial categories are crude labels based on parentage, genetics and(or) physical traits, not religious or scientific proof of one's superior or inferior nature like racists believe.

* Racism is the belief one or more "races" are inherently "superior" to one or more other races. [Example: Many Americans believe "White people" are inherently superior to "Non-White people" and that "Black people" are inherently inferior to all other people.]

* Racism includes the belief "mixed-race" people like La Raza are inferior to those with birth parents of the same race. "Race-mixing" is still condemned by racists today. Indigenas were considered savages (less-than-human) when Europeans first invaded and occupied our Americas. "Christianized" and(or) otherwise assimilated Indigenas are still considered inferior by today's racists.

* Racists are not just poor or poorly educated citizens, there are wealthy and highly...
educated racists throughout government and society who strive to protect and preserve their privileged status via institutional, industrial and commercial racism. Racists are not just White, either; there are Brown, Black, Red, Asian and other racists, too.

* The racist imposition of the colonial English language on Indigenas continues to cause horrendous problems for Chicanas y Chicanos in education, employment and virtually all other aspects of life in the U.S. Laws, rules and regulations are selectively enforced by local, state and federal institutions against La Raza, as English is used as a weapon to deprive Chicanas y Chicanos of liberty, equality and justice throughout Our lives.

* Private industry ("free enterprise") also causes havoc for Chicanas y Chicanos by perpetuating racist stereotypes and beliefs about La Raza for profit and gain. [Example: Mass media and the "entertainment" industries commercialize racist stereotypes and beliefs about Latinas y Latinos throughout the world, while pretending to be "spreading freedom and democracy" alongside the Pentagon and other governmental institutions.]

n) Terrorists

Terrorists are human beings in and outside governments who kill, rob, rape, torture, imprison or otherwise impose their will on other human beings for no good or justifiable reasons.

SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Nuevo Plan de Aztlan addresses the alarming attacks orchestrated against Indigenas throughout Norte America since September 11, 2001 (9/11). U.S. officials are using La Raza as a scapegoat or smokescreen to distract or divert attention away from their heinous wars in the Middle East.

According to their domestic propaganda, the "real problem" and therefore actual enemy or threat to national security is Mexicans and other Indigenas "invading" Norte America, not the Pentagon killing, torturing, maiming, imprisoning and destroying other indigenous peoples' lives in faraway lands.
Thousands of racist media, vigilante, "homeland security" and other hostile actions have been executed against Indigenas since 9/11, as tens of thousands of these men, women and children have been rounded up and herded out of Norte America like cattle.

SECTION 4. HISTORICAL ANALYSIS

Indigenas have suffered centuries of injusticias including genocide, rape, torture, mayhem, kidnapping, slavery, peonage, poverty, homelessness and groundless imprisonment at the hands of the original European invaders and occupiers of Our Americas.

The offspring of these European terrorists expect today's Chicanas y Chicanos to ignore or forget this true account of their ancestors' horrendous atrocities against Ours, as if these abominations never occurred or mattered.

Anglo-Saxon imperialists in the U.S. government are striving to conquer the entire world, and are using La Raza as scapegoats, to justify increasingly racist policies and practices, especially since 9/11.

The offspring of the European terrorists who originally stole Our ancestral lands are guilty of receiving this stolen property, and receiving stolen property is no less a crime than stealing it. These alien offspring remain in denial about their own culpability, as they continue to exploit, oppress and otherwise deprive Us of Our ancestral lands and freedoms from generation-to-generation.

U.S. racists are now working to outlaw MEChA and other Movimiento organizations by blaming them for "too many Mexicans" and other Indigenas in Norte America today. Local, state and federal government agencies have also made it extremely difficult for the Partido de La Raza Unida to rise up politically against this institutionalized harassment, discrimination and persecution to any significant extent.

These same racists oppose Chicana y Chicano Studies, affirmative action, financial aid, bilingual and multicultural education, ethnic studies, fair housing, equal employment opportunities and all other ways and means of attempting to create level playing fields for La Raza, as if the U.S. only belongs to Anglo-Americans and everyone else is a
second-class citizen, at best.

SECTION 5. MEXICO, CENTRO Y SUR AMERICA

The 21st Century campaign against Mexicans in the U.S. is also aimed at Chicanas y Chicanos since We are all Una Gran Familia. Chicanas y Chicanos have a natural, inherent, innate and everlasting kinship with Mexicanas y Mexicanos, as with all Our other indigenous brothers and sisters of Our Americas because of Our common Native American heritage.

We are all being treated, as a threat or potential threat to national security by the racist U.S. government for no good or just cause whatsoever.

SECTION 6. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

a) We the Chicanas y Chicanos of the United States of America must reach beyond nationalism, to unite with other Indigenas around Our common diversity throughout Our Americas and outlying islands.

b) Our Movimiento calls for Chicanas y Chicanos, to join forces with all La Raza against Our common exploiters and oppressors because We cannot be free unless and until all La Raza is free.

c) La Raza must unite, as an international union of Indigenas (Abya Yala), to struggle for Peace and Justice throughout Our Americas, as opposed to permitting racists to continue to divide, exploit and oppress La Raza from generation-to-generation without resistance.

d) This international union of Indigenas must establish Peace and Justice for all Americanas y Americanos, so We can live, work and travel freely throughout Our Americas for so long as the rivers flow.
e) The first priority of Our international union is to abolish poverty, racism and sexism throughout Abya Yala.

f) This Union must ensure all workers in Our Americas receive good jobs and compensation so that all Americans can have nice homes in safe and secure communities. People unable to work will also have nice homes in these communities because poverty will be abolished in Our Americas.

g) We the Chicanas y Chicanos of the United States of America must ensure Our children learn about Our indigenous ancestors, at home and in all the schools, colleges and universities of Our Americas so they and future generations will know, understand and honor Our great Native American heritage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We the Chicanas y Chicanos of the United States of America will live Our daily lives in accordance with Nuevo Plan de Aztlan to the best of Our abilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We the Chicanas y Chicanos of the United States of America will encourage Chicana y Chicano organizations everywhere to review, adopt and incorporate Nuevo Plan de Aztlan into their own missions, goals and objectives so We can stand united against the new wave of racial harassment, discrimination and persecution La Raza faces in the 21st Century.

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