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A Win for All Workers in Santa Fe

Santa Fe, NM — Santa Fe took a decisive step toward fairness and dignity for every working family. With the passage of the minimum wage increase to \$17.50 an hour, without carveouts or exclusions, our city has affirmed a simple but powerful truth: every worker deserves a wage that honors their labor and reflects the increasing cost of living in Santa Fe.

For years, workers across every sector, from restaurants to retail, hospitality to home care, have struggled to keep up with rising rents, grocery bills, and childcare costs. Thursday's vote sends a clear message: Santa Fe values the people who keep this city running, and no worker should be left behind.

This victory was possible because the Mayor and six City Councilors stood by the workers who showed up, shared their stories, and demanded to be seen. Families who have been living paycheck to paycheck testified about having to choose between rent and medicine, groceries and utilities. Their voices continue to move Santa Fe toward a more just future.

"We applaud the Mayor and city council members who listened to the community and stood with working families to pass an inclusive proposal that reflects the best of Santa Fe's values. And above all, we honor the workers whose courage and persistence made this victory possible and whose grassroots advocacy is building a better future for their families and strengthening the quality of life for every worker in our city," **said Marcela Díaz, Executive Director of Somos un Pueblo Unido.**