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# Indigenous leaders in New Mexico react to new Tesla dealership in Nambé Pueblo

**Albuquerque, N.M.** – Following the news of a new Tesla dealership in Nambé Pueblo, local Indigenous leaders are speaking up on the lack of transparency and consent from tribal leadership before committing to this new project.

**The following is a statement from [Name/Title] for the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women:**

“While news about a new Tesla dealership in Nambé Pueblo has been met with celebration because of the emphasis on economic benefits that will come from this project, we at the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women are raising flags on the lack of consent and transparency in the approval process.

“At CSVANW we understand the immediate need for action on climate change and to do everything possible to transition from a fossil-fuel-based economy to a clean energy one that will ensure a clean present and future for our families and communities. Yet, moving forward without the input of community, or dissemination of information to community, goes against the very principle of sovereignty that is integral to our Indigenous identity.

“Our stance is not against the opportunity for Indigenous communities to be part of the electric vehicle revolution, rather we stand against the background and context that surrounds the very for-profit company that set eyes on Nambé Pueblo. We cannot turn a blind eye to the environmental destruction that has been carried out by Tesla spamming from their extraction of resources necessary for EV production. Most relevant, we cannot congratulate an endeavor that has based its business model on the forced displacement and exploitation of Indigenous communities in South America—more specifically the country of Bolivia for the extraction of lithium.

“As Indigenous people of this earth, we do not condone or stand-by for the oppression and destruction of other Indigenous peoples around the world, simply for the benefit of a few—masked under the flag of climate action.”

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