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Local Indigenous Leader Welcomes Appointment to the ABQ Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

Albuquerque, NM – The Albuquerque City Council appointed [Angel Charley](#), executive director for the [Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women](#), to serve in the [Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission](#).

"I am honored to be appointed to the commission and to have the opportunity to use my skills and experience to make a positive impact on the community, especially amongst Indigenous families who continue to experience the highest rates of domestic violence and sexual assault compared to others" **Charley said**.

As a long time community leader and advocate to end violence in Indigenous communities, Angel Charley brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the commission, which is dedicated to addressing and preventing domestic violence and sexual assault in Albuquerque.

"I am excited to join the commission and to work with my fellow members to make Albuquerque a safer place for all," **Charley said**. "I am committed to the commission's mission and I look forward to contributing to their efforts to combat domestic violence and sexual assault in our community by lifting the experiences and voices of those most impacted by this issue,"

The Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission is committed to preventing domestic violence and sexual assault through education, advocacy, and support services. The commission works to advise the Mayor and City Council on the gaps and quality of effectiveness for domestic violence and sexual assault services in order to create an effective system of prevention and intervention that is responsive to the needs of survivors and those that are at risk.



About Angel Charley:

Angel Charley, comes from Ka'waika, one of the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico. She comes from generations of powerful women who hold the sacred ability to heal our families through love, action, and connection. Most importantly, she is a mother who is committed to supporting a generation of young leaders, like her child.

Angel Charley, executive director of the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, is a citizen of the Pueblo of Laguna and Navajo Nation. As the director of the Coalition she is committed to building values-driven solutions that have the ability to inform system transformation around violence against Native women and girls, deepen Indigenous power building, and affirm Indigenous knowledge systems within the movement to

end gender-based violence. Charley is a member of the New Mexico Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Taskforce, has been recognized by the New Mexico State Senate for her dedication to help bring awareness to the MMIW movement and advocacy. Charley also serves on the board of directors for the Albuquerque Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Collaborative, is an active member of the Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence, and is the board chair for the Native American Professional Parent Resources, Inc. She holds a degree in Communication from the University of Hawaii.

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