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Fighting the criminalization of LGBTQ youth in New Orleans, LA

PLATFORM FOR A SAFER CITY

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, support a safer city for all New Orleanians, where transgender and gender non-conforming youth of color can walk down the street without fear;

We stand behind all 22 transgender women who have been murdered across the country this year, including Penny Proud, a 21 year old young woman murdered in New Orleans in February 2015;

We support employment programs specifically catered to transgender and gender non-conforming youth of color that don't just train potential employees, but train potential employers as well to ensure we feel safe and respected on the job;

We support housing programs for transgender and gender non-conforming youth and adults that are run by and for members of the transgender and gender non-conforming community and child welfare programs that promote healthy transgender youth development;

We support a safe city for the transgender immigrant community, including ending detentions and deportations of transgender people who seek safety in our city;

We call on an end to the HIV epidemic that disproportionately impacts transgender people of color, including repealing laws that criminalize HIV, in the city with the second highest rate of HIV in the country;

We support an end to discriminatory policing practices that disproportionately impact transgender and gender non-conforming youth of color, whether it is by the New Orleans Police Department, Louisiana State Troopers, private patrols in New Orleans, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, FBI, or other law enforcement agencies, all of whom operate under different policies, receive different trainings, and often collaborate with one another;

We support a smaller, safer jail in a city with the highest rate of incarceration in the world, and juvenile justice reforms that keep transgender and gender non-conforming youth who are disproportionately locked up, in the community and in alternative community-based settings;

We support safe and affirming schools in the nation's first all-charter school network and call on an end to the school-to-prison pipeline, which disproportionately impacts transgender and gender non-conforming youth of color.

Signed:

BreakOUT!

ACLU of Louisiana
Black Youth Project 100 (National)
Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal
Children's Rights (National)

Civil Liberties and Public Policy (National)
Congress of Day Laborers, New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice
Drop-In Center & Clinic
Equality Louisiana
European Dissent
Forum for Equality
Forward Together (National)
GSA Network Southeast
The Hite Law Group
HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (National)
Kids ReThink New Orleans Schools
Lambda Legal (National)
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights
Louisiana Equality Foundation
Louisiana Progress
Louisiana Trans Advocates
National Council of Jewish Women (National)
National LGBTQ Taskforce (National)
New Legacy Ministries
Orleans Parish Place Matters
PATOIS Film Festival
PFLAG New Orleans
Puentes LatinNOLA
STAND With Dignity, New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice
Transgender Law Center (National)
US Human Rights Network (National)
VAYLA
Voice of the Ex-Offender
Women With a Vision