NON-BINDING LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE BERNALILLO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SECURITY OF THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA

This non-binding LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING, is made and entered between the Bernalillo County District Attorney and the Secretary of Public Security of the State of Chihuahua.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Public Security of the State of Chihuahua is a Government agency in charge of safeguarding the integrity of the people; attend to matters related to Public Security and develop the Public Security policies established by the person in charge of the Executive Branch.

WHEREAS, the District Attorney of Bernalillo County is the government agency in charge of prosecuting crimes committed in the County of Bernalillo, New Mexico, including the City of Albuquerque; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Public Security of the State of Chihuahua and the District Attorney of the County of Bernalillo recognize the existence of transnational criminal organizations operating on both sides of the United States-Mexico border, engaging in activities such as the trafficking and smuggling of humans, narcotics, and firearms; and,

WHEREAS, various crimes committed by these organizations, including, but not limited to homicide, theft, kidnapping and extortion, fall under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Public Security of the state of Chihuahua and the District Attorney of Bernalillo County, severely impacting the public safety and well-being of the Parties' respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, criminal organizations and common criminals utilize the international border between New Mexico and Chihuahua to avoid warrants and prosecution.

Now, therefore, both parties to this letter of understanding agree to the following:

FIRST, to cooperate and assist each other, in better understanding the organizational structure and modes of operation of these criminal organizations;

SECOND, to assist each other in searching, finding, apprehending and ultimately bringing international fugitives to justice;

THIRD, to hold and facilitate courses and training sessions for prosecutors and law enforcement personnel to better understand organized crime and criminal prosecution in the Parties' respective jurisdictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this non-binding Letter of Understanding as of the Wednesday, Jupe 21, 2023.

Sam Bregman, District Attorney, Bernalillo County

Date

06-21 - 2023

Date

Gilberto Loya Chávez, Secretary of Public Security of the State of Chihuahua