



Aquí Estamos

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Dear friend in the Rio Grande Valley,

Aquí Estamos, a queer people of color organization, will like to invite you to participate in a **planning meeting in preparation for a visit from the United Nations to the Rio Grande Valley**. A Working Group dedicated to the issue of discrimination against women in law and practice will be meeting with organizations in the Valley on Friday, December 4 and hearing testimonies on the conditions of the lives of women in our region. Aquí Estamos will be highlighting the voices and experiences of LGBTQ+ women.

In this planning meeting, some of the topics we would like to discuss include the economic, cultural, academic, political, and social **challenges LGBTQ+ women face**. While this visit from the UN will center around women, we want to make sure we go even deeper and discuss the experiences of non-heterosexual and non-cisgender women. We want to answer questions such as, "What are the biggest challenges LGBTQ+ women face in the workplace?," "What does being an LGBTQ+ undocumented or immigrant women mean?," "What are experiences that LGBTQ+ women face that their heterosexual, cisgender counterparts may not experience or experience at a lesser degree?" Aquí Estamos will then create a brief report to present to the Working Group.

If you accept this invitation or would like more information, please visit **aquiestamosrgv.org/UNinRGV** and select a date and time that works best for you to participate in the planning meeting. You may also email Dani Marrero Hi at dani@aquiestamosrgv.org.

Paz y poder,
Aquí Estamos