

Diana Lopez
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Diana Lopez is a Xicana born and raised in San Antonio, TX with deep ties with the Rio Bravo border. Her work with Southwest Workers Union (Centro por la Justicia) involves linking issues around environmental justice, living wage and accountable governance. Centro SWU works to re-frame public policy to protect the community and include the voices of local residents. It has led to successful strategic campaigns targeting wages, military environmental clean-up, economic revitalization, healthcare and energy policy. Lopez has worked to transition the 35+ year organization, utilizing civic engagement techniques for issue-based organizing to scale our impact and directly reach community residents. She is most excited about the community development project renovating the property into a movement center and resilience hub.