

University's responsibility to protect the expression and dignity of those whose histories and identities have too often been rendered invisible.

This concern carries particular weight given that the University of North Texas is a federally designated [Hispanic-Serving Institution](#). That designation reflects not only enrollment metrics, but an institutional responsibility to support, protect, and meaningfully engage the communities such a designation represents. When an exhibition rooted in Latino cultural experience is removed without explanation, it undermines that responsibility and the trust it implies.

Ni de Aquí, Ni de Allá speaks to the experience of living between places, languages, and histories. Its removal, carried out silently and without accountability, echoes the very condition the work sought to illuminate. In this moment, we find ourselves occupying that same in-between space: caught between institutional values that are publicly affirmed and actions that remain unexplained. From this position, we call for clarity, responsibility, and accountability from the UNT administration.

We do not ask for unanimity of opinion, nor for art to be insulated from critique. We ask for transparency, integrity, and courage. Decisions that shape the academic and cultural life of this university must be communicated clearly and grounded in the principles the institution claims as its own.

We respectfully call upon the University of North Texas administration to explain the rationale and decision-making process that led to the cancellation of this exhibition, to demonstrate how that decision aligns with constitutional protections and university policy, and to reaffirm its commitment to academic freedom, artistic expression, and the public trust entrusted to it.

We are providing this request in stewardship of our students, our disciplines, and the values that define higher education.

This letter is offered as an open statement and may be shared and endorsed by members of the university and arts community who feel aligned with its concerns. [Please endorse the letter here.](#)

Respectfully,

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