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**Distinguished Public Intellectual, Dr. Cornel West, Joins Arizona Human Rights Movement At Talk this Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*The Life-long Racial Justice Advocate Will Share his Scholarly Analysis of "How We Got Here," The Historical Roots of SB 1070.*

**Who:** Dr. Cornel West joined by panelists Pablo Alvarado, Tupac Enrique, Dr. Raquel Rubio-Goldsmith, Dr. Michelle Tellez and Dr. Michael Whitaker. Event hosted by Puente Arizona and the National Day Laborer Organizing Network.

**What:** Panel Discussion and Community Dialogue regarding SB 1070, Racial Justice and Human Rights

**Where:** North High School Auditorium – 1101 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ

**When:** Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 3:00 pm

**Phoenix** September 29, 2010 - Dr. Cornel West, one of America's most provocative public intellectuals, has been a champion for racial justice since childhood. This Saturday, he will add his name to the list of notable figures from Shakira to Al Sharpton who have come to Arizona to meet the community and denounce the recently passed legislation. His writing, speaking, and teaching weave together the traditions of the black Baptist Church, progressive politics, and jazz. The *New York Times* has praised his "ferocious moral vision."

On Saturday, Dr. West will speak on "How we got here," The Historical Roots of SB 1070 alongside local community movement leaders and academics. Dr. West will address an estimated 900 people from throughout Arizona.

This event is free and open to the media.

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