

## El Puente

On November 2006, Subcomandante Marcos came to Cd. Juárez and met with students, activists, and organizations from both sides of the border at the Stanton Bridge. He gave a conference at the International Bridge and at the Preparatoria Alta Vista where he gave support and listened to the different testimonies challenging unjust immigration raids; the use of eminent domain against communities of color such as El Segundo Barrio and the complicity of the Mexican municipal government in not protecting its citizens from Lomas Del Poleo against the continual assaults and terror from powerful families.

In the digital series of El Puente, I document the powerful encounter of Subcomandante Marcos at the International Bridge and at the Preparatoria Alta Vista. Although Marcos has become a mythological figure, I focused on the people who crossed the bridge and journeyed into Juárez to listen and speak to Marcos. My intention was to depict the emotions and thoughts expressed through the activists' gestures. Apart from the excitement and inquiry that surrounded the encounter and dialogue, I also captured the potential threat from the skies: for the helicopter from Homeland Security flew above us and threw a brown dust.

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