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This summer issue of *La Voz* (July/August 2025) came together as we celebrated the election of a new mayor, Gina Ortiz Jones, who prioritized compassion and inclusion and who, when asked on *MSNBC* to describe the then upcoming *No Kings* protest in San Antonio and nationwide, said that our city with its tradition of peaceful protest would rise to the occasion and would handle the protest peacefully. And so we did, we protested with respect, humor, compassion, kindness and a firm commitment to democratic values. Uniquely San Antonio, we saw amongst the protest signs, a good mix of English, Spanish and Spanglish. We saw a balance of issues with the central theme of *No Kings* being touted while the issue of *ICE* raids was roundly denounced. We saw humor and creativity and

we saw joy—joy in recognizing that there is a solid community of gente who, together, will continue a resistance that will weather this storm. I was heartened, also, to see intergenerational participation with the return of boomers to the streets (arriving early) marching alongside millennials, who did not arrive early, but stayed late! Also, when Travis Park was vacated—it was left devoid of litter. That was hard to believe, but true. We must continue to make our voices heard and seen in resistance to this madness. The next issue of *La Voz* will be in September, submit articles and creative works to:

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