

Class Action Notice

LaDella Williams, et. al. v. City of Albuquerque, Case No. D-202-CV-2022-07562

Why did you get this notice?

This notice is to tell you about the certification of a class action lawsuit, *LaDella Williams, et. al. v. City of Albuquerque* brought on behalf of all persons living at Coronado Park at any time between August 3, 2022, and August 17, 2022, whose property was allegedly unlawfully seized by the City of Albuquerque and not returned. You received this notice because **you may be one of the people allegedly affected**, called the “class.” If the class can prove that the City acted illegally by taking and not returning belongings, **another notice will be posted explaining how class members can file a claim to seek money for their losses.** This notice tells you how to get more information about the case. The City of Albuquerque denies that it allegedly unlawfully seized or destroyed the personal property of individuals living at Coronado Park between August 3, 2022, and August 17, 2022.

Your options:	More about each option:
Opt Out	To opt out, complete the Opt-Out Form online at www.nmpoertylaw.org/nmclp_resources/williams-class-action-opt-out-form or download, print, and mail the completed form to Plaintiffs’ counsel. You do not need to do both. You must opt out by November 11, 2026. If you opt out, you keep the right to sue the City of Albuquerque about the same issues on your own, including hiring your own attorney if you wish.
Do Nothing	If you take no action, any ruling from the court will apply to you, and you will not be able to sue the City of Albuquerque on your own about the same issues.

You can learn more by calling The New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty at (505) 302-3853. Let them know you are calling about the *Williams* case.

What is a class certification?

The court has decided that this case can go forward on behalf of everyone potentially affected in the same way. In this case, the court has defined the class as: all persons living at Coronado Park at any time between August 3, 2022, and August 17, 2022, whose property was seized by the City of Albuquerque and not returned. The following people are “class representatives” who are responsible for representing your interests in this lawsuit: LaDella Williams, Scott Yelton, Sonja Garcia, Alonso Magallanes, and Rickey Mauk.

Key things to know:

- This is an important legal document.
- The Court has not decided that the City of Albuquerque has done anything wrong.
- There is no guarantee that anyone will recover any money.
- If you take no action, any ruling from the court will apply to you, and you will not be able to sue the City of Albuquerque on your own about the same issues.
- If you have questions or need assistance, please call (505) 302-3853.

Lawyers for Plaintiff class	Phone Number	Website
Ives & Flores	(505) 295-7252	https://www.nmcivilrights.com/
ACLU of New Mexico	(505) 266-5915	https://www.aclu-nm.org/
Davis Law New Mexico	(505) 242-1904	https://www.davislawnm.com/
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty	(505) 302-3853	https://www.nmpoertylaw.org/

National Homelessness Law Center	(202) 638-2535	https://homelesslaw.org/
Arnold &Porter	(202) 942-5765	https://www.arnoldporter.com/en