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# Mexico to Open Shelters for Deported Mexican Illegal Aliens, but Not Foreigners; Trump Might Reinstate Title 42 Expulsions

The Mexican government will open 25 shelters to house illegal aliens booted out of the United States when President-elect Donald Trump takes office on January 20.

Mexico will construct the shelters near the California border, in Tijuana and Mexicali. One hitch: Mexico won't permit "migrants" from other countries into the shelters, and has asked Trump to deport the other illegals to their own countries.

Mexican officials apparently believe Trump will stage the "largest domestic deportation operation in American history," as [he promised](#) on the campaign trail. A sign that Trump is dead serious is his pick for "border czar," Tom "Zero Tolerance" Homan, a former border agent and top immigration official.



AP Images

## No Foreigners

"During a meeting with reporters on Monday in Tijuana, [Marina del Pilar] Ávila Olmeda said they are taking President-elect Donald Trump's threats of mass deportations seriously, adding that six of the shelters are supposed to be set up in the city of Tijuana with two others in Mexicali, Baja's capital city," the [Border Report website explained](#):

"What we do know, throughout his campaign, he threatened to do this, and since he was already president of the United States, we believe this time he will be stricter and tougher when it comes to deportations," she said. "We are working to get ready and receive our migrants."

But the facilities won't be open to "migrants" from other countries, Ávila Olmeda said, and will house only Mexicans, the website reported. "No foreigners, only Mexicans, this must be made clear — Mexicans will be welcomed back to their country and their human rights will be respected," she said.

Each facility can house 500 "migrants," for a total of 12,500.

"Some will board single men, while others will house only women, unaccompanied minors and entire family units," the website reported.

The refusal to house foreigners comports with the request by Mexico's president, Claudia Sheinbaum,



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that Trump deport other “migrants” to their home countries, as [The Associated Press reported](#) in early December:

Mexico, like any other country, is not obligated to accept non-Mexican migrants, but it has agreed to do so in the recent past, especially from countries like Cuba and Venezuela, which often refuse deportation flights from the United States, but may accept them from Mexico.

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Mexico is obviously fearful of two things: large-scale deportations of Mexican citizens and large numbers of non-Mexicans being deported at border crossings that are ill-equipped to deal with them.

Some four million Mexican illegals are in the United States, AP reported. Mexican consulates are increasing manpower to handle what will surely be a surge of deportation cases.

“The task of finding jobs, shelter and transportation for deported Mexicans would present an even greater challenge for Mexico,” [AP explained](#), noting that Trump claimed in November that Sheinbaum “agreed to stop migration through Mexico” during a phone call.

But Sheinbaum said her country “was already doing its part and had no interest in closing its borders,” AP continued:

“We reiterate that Mexico’s position is not to close borders but to build bridges between governments and between peoples,” Sheinbaum said at the time.

## **Title 42 Reinstated?**

On Fox News’ *Sunday Morning Futures*, Trump spokesman [Karoline Leavitt said](#) Trump might reinstate public-health expulsions under Title 42 of U.S. immigration law.

Biden nixed those expulsions last year in May.

Leavitt told host Maria Bartiromo that the new administration is “perhaps looking at Title 42. Many of these executive actions are still being considered by our policy teams and also our lawyers.”

The administration is looking at “legal executive action to immediately stop the surge of migrants that we have seen over our southern border. And on day one, President Trump is also going to launch the largest mass deportation of illegal criminals in American history,” [Leavitt vowed](#):

He can do that immediately by empowering federal and local law enforcement to work together to identify, to detain and to deport these illegal criminals that we know are roaming freely in our country.

## **The “Border Czar”**

That job [will be](#) Homan’s.

He began his career as a beat cop in West Carthage, New York, then went to the Border Patrol and rose through the ranks to become executive associate director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in 2013. He became acting director in 2017.



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Facing Homan will be the sanctuary cities that have vowed to thwart Trump's mass deportations.

Denver, [Boston](#), and [San Diego County](#) have all vowed to fight Trump. Denver's far-left Mayor [Mike Johnston warned](#) that police and 50,000 Denverites would stand against ICE agents tasked with deporting illegals. That would be inciting rebellion and insurrection, which would enable Trump to mobilize the National Guard.

Homan has repeatedly warned those officials to read federal law.

"They need to educate themselves," he told Fox News:

They need to review this. Title 8, United States Code 1324 III. Read about that and don't cross that line because it is a felony to harbor and conceal an illegal alien from ICE. Read the statute. Don't cross that line.

To the illegals, Homan sent a message from the dais of the Republican National Convention in July: "You better start packing now ... because you're going home."

[Homan also had a warning](#) for the drug cartels that now operate freely on both sides of the border.

"I got another message," he said:

Another message to the criminal cartels in Mexico. You [sold] enough fentanyl across this country to kill 148,000 young Americans. You have killed more Americans than every terrorist organization in the world combined. That's why when President Trump gets back in office, he's going to designate you a terrorist organization, and he's going to wipe you off the face of the earth. You're done. You're done.

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