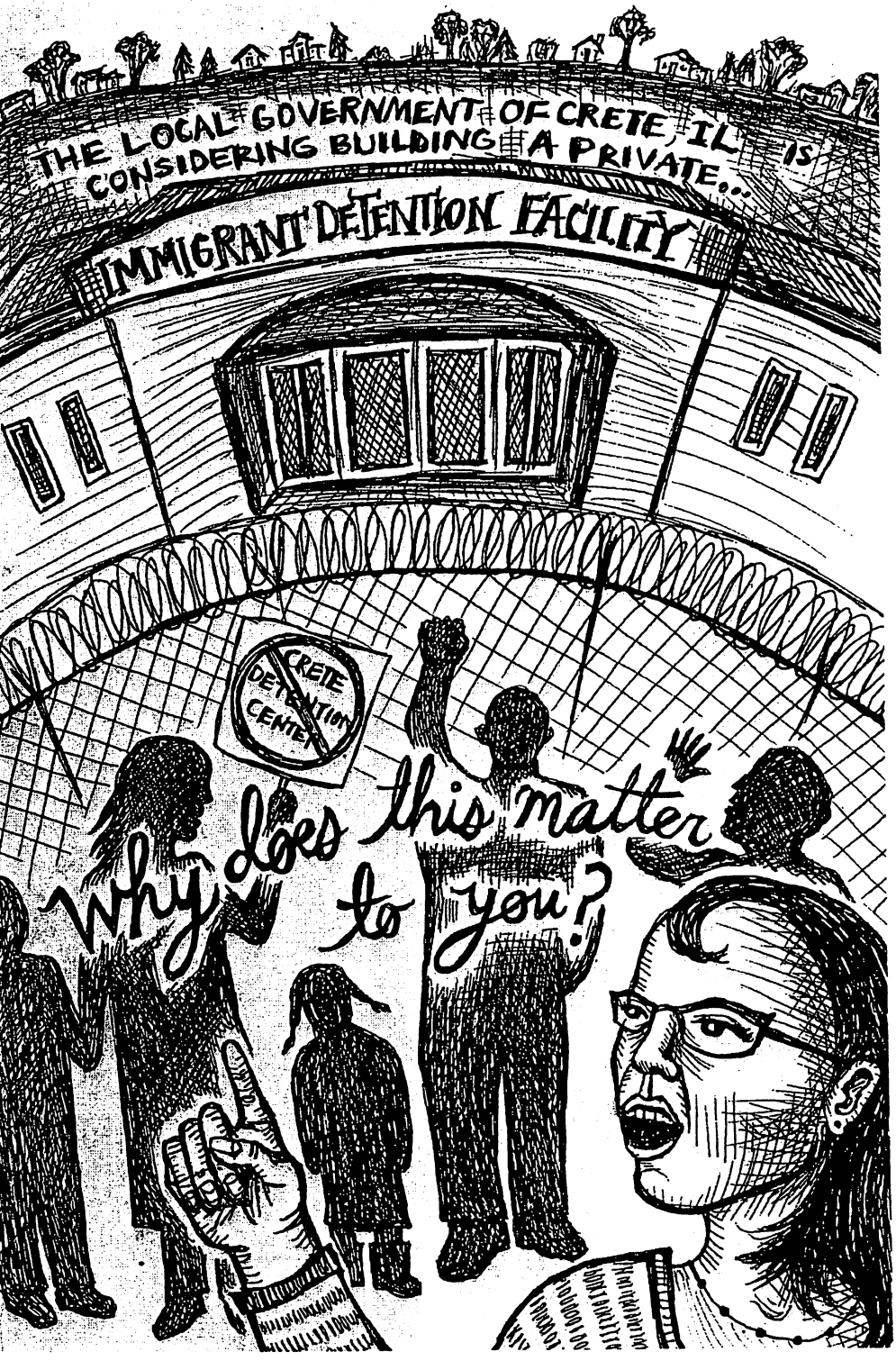
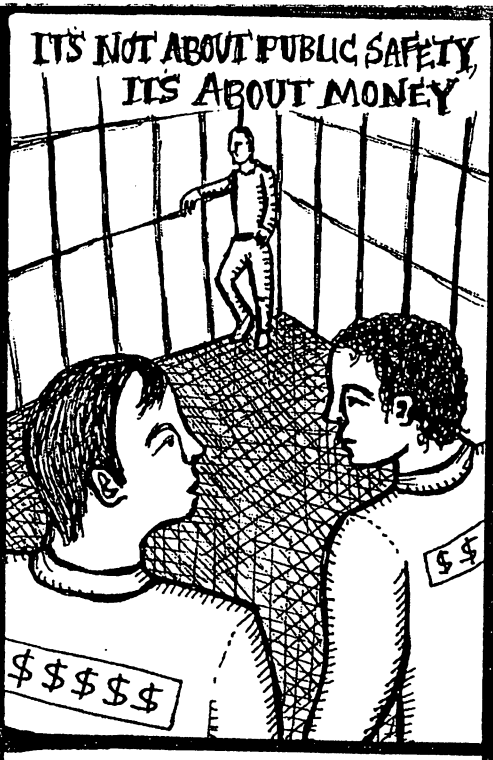
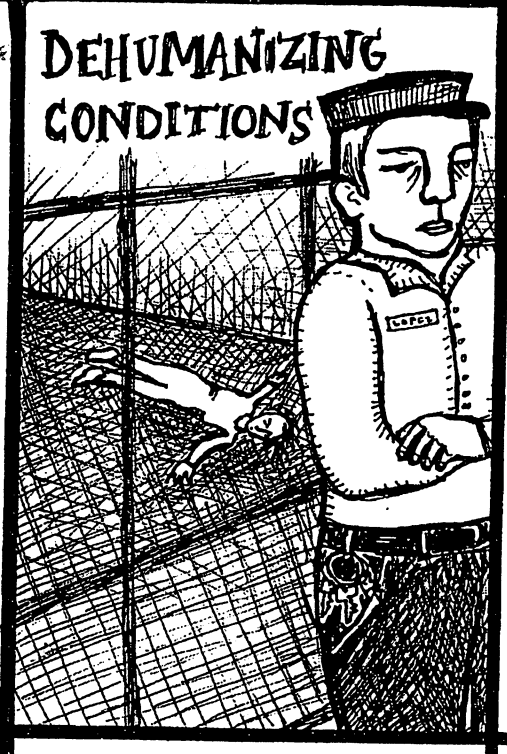

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF CRETE, IL IS CONSIDERING BUILDING A PRIVATE...
IMMIGRANT DETENTION FACILITY
CRETE DETENTION CENTER
Why does this matter to you?



More than 5,000 children are in foster care due to the detainment or deportation of their parents. It is projected that another 15,000 children will face the threat of permanent separation from their families in the next five years. Nearly one in four deportees have U.S.-born kids, and many face the total loss of parental rights. Historic levels of detention and deportation, combined with a lack of clear child welfare policy is shattering fami lies and endangering the children left behind. It's unacceptable and a clear sign that we need to revisit our immigration policies.

Detention is big business for the contract facilities. Institutions are paid $95 per immigrant detainee per day by ICE to hold them, while costs may be $55 per immigrant per day or even less. Between 1999 and 2009, CCA spent $18 million to lobby for the passage of federal laws as well as state laws including Arizona's SB 1070. CCA itself said, "The demand for our facilities and services could be adversely affected by . . . leniency in conviction or parole standards and sentencing practices . . ." Will CCA be seeking ever more draconian immigration laws to ensure that immigrant detention centers remain full or are even expanded? These laws have not kept the people of California and Arizona safer, but they have made CCA millions at the taxpayer's expense.





Since private prisons are profit-driven, there is an impulse to reduce staff, and to reduce wages and training of personnel. As a result, staff turnover rates in 2000 were 53% for private prisons versus 16% for public prisons; and wages for staff of private prisons were 25% less than those of public prisons. We want stable, well-paying, and meaningful jobs in Crete, which this facility will not provide.

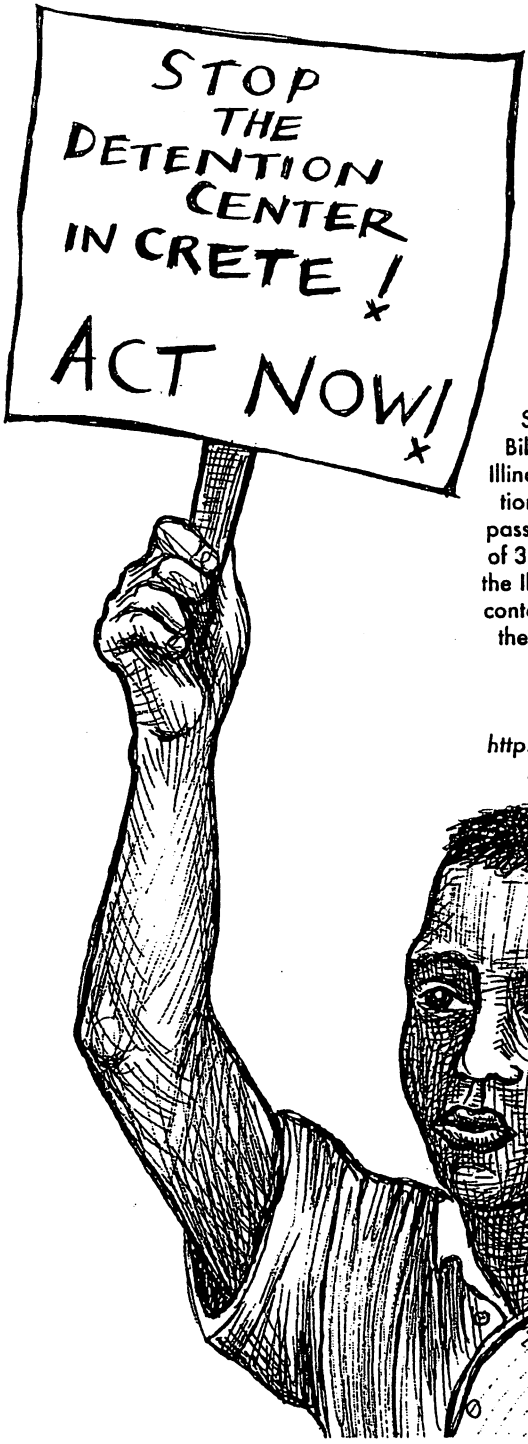
Profit creates a disincentive to treat or even diagnose detainees with health issues. For example, in 2007 Felix Franklin Rodriguez-Torres died at the Eloy Detention Center died of testicular cancer. A fellow detainee later told Felix's relatives that a couple of weeks prior to his death, he lay pleading for medical help on his floor, unable to move. Throughout Felix's two months at Eloy, the cancer was not diagnosed nor treated. In the last 8 years 122 immigrants have died in detention, most from lack of medical care or something related. We do not want this kind of business in our town.



1. **Sign the petition:** Visit *http://www.nocretedetentioncenter.com/* where you can learn more about the campaign to stop the proposed Crete Immigration Detention Facility, sign the petition saying NO to the proposed Crete, and follow us on facebook.

2. **Join the listserv to stay up to date:** Contact *cretedetentioncenter@gmail.com* to join the list-serve to receive updates.

3. **Support Bill SB1064:** Senator Antonio Munoz has introduced Bill SB1064 to keep private prisons out of Illinois & to stop the proposed Crete detention center. On March 28, 2012 the bill passed out of the Illinois Senate with a vote of 34-17. Now we need to get it passed in the Illinois House of Representatives! Please contact your Illinois State Repetitive and ask them to support this important legislation. Find contact information for your state representative visit: *http://www.elections.il.gov/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByDistrict.aspx*



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