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Mich González (he/they) is a founding partner of Sanctuary of the South, a social justice workers' collaborative that provides legal services, cultivates sanctuary spaces and supports grassroots community projects. A Cuban-Puerto Rican, transgender movement lawyer and abolitionist storyteller, González is originally from Miami and has found a home and chosen family in New Orleans.

González moved to New Orleans during the first Trump administration to fight the expansion of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers. Raised by a single mother who overcame housing insecurity and poverty with the support of her LGBTQ+ immigrant community, his mother later became a nurse who served on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more than 15 years, González has worked alongside Black, Indigenous and other organizers of color to seek collective liberation from systemic violence and dehumanization. He finds queer joy in dancing, making his life partner, Marilyn, laugh and being a dog dad to two pups, Mochi and Miso.