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STATEMENT: Illinois Latino Agenda Appalled by Allegations that CPD Officers Abused their Power

CHICAGO - The following is a statement from the Illinois Latino Agenda (ILA), a coalition that works to advance the wellbeing of Latinos throughout Illinois, in response to the Chicago Tribune's article [exposing the CPD investigation of claims of at least one officer having sexual relations with migrants housed in West Side police station](#):

"These allegations, if true, represent a gross abuse of power and a violation of human rights and dignity. We demand a thorough and transparent investigation by COPA, as well as accountability and justice for any officer or others involved and any individuals harmed.

"As a sanctuary city, we must condemn these heinous acts and demand justice for those affected. We urge anyone with information related to these allegations to come forward and speak out. We also call on the Chicago Police Department to take swift action to address any systemic issues that may have contributed to this situation and ensure that all officers are held accountable for their actions.

"As advocates for all Latinos in Illinois, we remain committed to advocating for the rights of all individuals, regardless of their background or circumstances. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that migrants in Chicago are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve, and that their voices are heard and their needs are met."

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