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**STATEMENT: Illinois Latino Agenda Strongly Condemns Attack on Ald. Julia Ramirez and Aide, Calls for Compassion and Federal Intervention**

**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 protestors attacking [Ald. Julia Ramirez and her aide in Brighton Park](#) today:

“We strongly condemn the violence inflicted on Ald. Ramirez and her aide today by community members protesting the creation of winterized base camps for migrants in Brighton Park. This humanitarian crisis is putting stress on our City, but we can’t let it foster violence that divides us. The physical attack against these public servants is truly shameful.

“As our City continues working to address this crisis, it is critical that communities try to respond with compassion and understanding for new migrants, many of whom have been bussed here on false promises. Our elected officials in the City and State are doing the best they can and they should never be physically attacked for their efforts.

“We believe this incident further emphasizes the need for federal assistance and intervention, and we will continue advocating on behalf of our newest neighbors to ensure they get the resources they need.”

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