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STATEMENT FROM ILLINOIS LATINO AGENDA:

Latino Leaders Applaud the Appointments of Latinas to Key Leadership Roles in Johnson Administration, a Milestone for Greater Latino Representation

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CHICAGO - The following is a statement from the [Illinois Latino Agenda](#) in response to Mayor Johnson's recent appointment of three Latinas to top leadership positions in his administration: Cristina Pacione-Zayas, the first Chief of Staff, Sendy Soto, Chicago's first Chief Homelessness Officer, and Lissette Castañeda, Housing Commissioner:

"We extend our congratulations to Cristina Pacione-Zayas, our city's first Latina Chief of Staff, Sendy Soto, the inaugural Chief Homelessness Officer, and Lissette Castañeda's appointment as Housing Commissioner. Their appointments to these roles underscore the importance of equitable representation across all levels of government, ensuring that our perspectives, our challenges, and our aspirations are an integral part of our city's leadership.

"These women's lived experiences as Latinas and their unique approach to governance promise to bring a fresh perspective rooted in empathy that will allow them to govern for the entire city. We are confident that their deep understanding of our city's diverse communities will drive transformative change and foster a more inclusive and prosperous Chicago.

"Many of the Illinois Latino Agenda members have worked with these dynamic leaders in the past and we now stand ready to continue collaborating with them in their new roles, sharing our collective wisdom in service and advocacy on behalf of the Latino community."

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The Illinois Latino Agenda (ILA) is a coalition that advocates for the representation of Latinos across all sectors and works to advance the economic, political and social prosperity of Latino communities throughout Illinois.