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STATEMENT FROM ILLINOIS LATINO AGENDA:

Illinois Latino Agenda Responds to Devastating Back of the Yards Mass Shooting

CHICAGO - The following is a statement from the [Illinois Latino Agenda](#) in response to the [mass shooting that resulted in the death of a 9-year-old girl](#) in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood:

"The Illinois Latino Agenda is heartbroken by the mass shooting that took place in the Back of the Yards neighborhood, a majority Latino neighborhood that many in our coalition serve through our nonprofit organizations. We mourn the death of 9-year-old Ariana Molina, the innocent lives impacted, including three children, and extend our deepest condolences to the families impacted.

"No parent should have to fear for their child's safety in their own front yard but unfortunately, this is a story [all too familiar](#) throughout our city's diverse neighborhoods. We call for justice for the families impacted and urge local leaders, law enforcement and community members to unite in preventing these tragedies by collaborating to address the root causes of this violence. We can't stand by and let our communities suffer these horrors."

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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.