



The Illinois Latino Agenda Congratulates Militza M. Pagán, Marissa Arrez, Joshua Smyser-De Leon, and Allison Novelo on Their Appointments to the Johnson Administration

interviews available upon request

CHICAGO – The Illinois Latino Agenda congratulates four Latino leaders named this week to senior positions in the Johnson administration.

"Militza M. Pagán, Marissa Arrez, Joshua Smyser-De Leon, and Allison Novelo are exactly the kind of leaders these roles demand — rooted in community, tested by experience, and committed to the people this administration serves.

"Militza Pagán is an established leader at the intersection of labor policy and workers' rights; Marissa Arrez is a rising star who has moved mountains in service of immigrant and migrant communities; Joshua Smyser-De Leon is a longtime community organizer whose work has kept him close to the people city government too often overlooks; Allison Novelo has spent her career lifting up the lived realities of our community members.

"We applaud the mayor's commitment to elevating Latino voices through his recent cabinet appointments, and we look forward to building on this progress by ensuring our community is meaningfully included in the highest levels of leadership where critical decisions are made."

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