



The Illinois Latino Agenda Thanks Sendy Soto and Nancy Andrade and Calls for Continued Commitment to Representative Leadership

interviews available upon request

CHICAGO – The Illinois Latino Agenda issues the following statement in recognition of the departures of Chief Homelessness Officer Sendy Soto and Human Relations Commissioner Nancy Andrade:

"Sendy Soto and Nancy Andrade brought integrity and purpose to two of Chicago's most critical leadership roles. Sendy worked across city departments and communities to build a roadmap for addressing homelessness with dignity. Nancy served as a principled voice for civil rights whose work reflects the kind of leadership Chicago deserves more of.

"Chicago is losing two leaders who showed up with courage, competence, and deep commitment to the communities they served. Sendy Soto spent two years building the infrastructure to address homelessness with a housing-first approach. Similarly, Nancy served as a principled voice for civil rights whose work reflects the kind of leadership Chicago deserves.

"The Illinois Latino Agenda has long held that representation in decision-making roles is not a courtesy, it is essential. Sendy and Nancy were among the few Latino senior leaders in this administration, and their departures leave a significant void. When leaders who reflect our communities hold positions of power, policy outcomes improve for everyone — and when they are gone, those communities feel it first.

"We thank Sendy and Nancy for their service and urge the city to act swiftly and intentionally to fill the widening gap in latino leadership in senior levels of the administration."

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