



## Informing, Influencing, and Leading for a Shared Future About the Latino Policy Forum

### Who We Are

The Latino Policy Forum is the only organization in the Chicago area that facilitates the involvement of Latinos at all levels of public decision-making. The Forum strives to improve education outcomes, advocate for affordable housing, promote just immigration policies, and engage diverse sectors of the community. It does this by conducting analysis to inform, influence and lead, all with an understanding that advancing Latinos advances a shared future.



### Our History

Understanding the contributions of Latinos in fueling the economic growth of Illinois, the Latino Policy Forum was established in 2008, building on a 20-year history as Latinos United, an organization that advocated for equitable, affordable housing options for Latinos throughout Metro Chicago.

The Latino Policy Forum's name reflects an expanded policy agenda that includes education and immigration concerns, issues identified as top priorities through a series of community meetings convened by the Forum. The Forum's commitment to addressing issues that come from community participatory processes is reflected in its name. The Forum looks forward to building its capacity to address additional community-identified priorities to improve outcomes for Latinos in Illinois and throughout the region.

### Our Leadership

Sylvia Puente, executive director of the Latino Policy Forum, draws from a twenty-five year career serving the Latino community with a wide range of experience at local, state, and national levels. She served as director of the Center for Metropolitan Chicago Initiatives for the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies and also founded the Latino Leadership Council of the Chicago Foundation for Women, which has raised thousands of dollars to support organizations that provide services to women and girls.

Hipólito (Paul) Roldán, board president of the Latino Policy Forum, is a visionary in the field of housing development for Latinos, dedicated to building better communities. His creativity is evident in the more than 3,400 affordable apartments and townhouses in Chicago's predominantly Hispanic neighborhoods that have been constructed during his leadership of the Hispanic Housing Development Corporation (HHDC).

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