



Launching the Latino Research Initiative at Great Cities Institute

Keynote Speaker:

Juan González

Senior Fellow at GCI and Co-Host of Democracy Now



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750 S. Halsted, Chicago
Student Center East
Room 301

Symposium Agenda



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08 : 30 - 09 : 00

Registration and Light Breakfast

09 : 00 - 09 : 05

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Teresa Córdova, Director, Great Cities Institute

09 : 05 - 10 : 00

**The Power of Engaged Research:
Co-Production of Reports with Community Partners**

Jessie Fuentes, Co-Chair Puerto Rican Agenda and Alderwoman of Chicago's 26th Ward
Maria del Socorro Pesqueira, President, Healthy Communities Foundation
Nanette Silva, Program Director, Community Memorial Foundation
Oswaldo Alvarez, Executive Director, Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation
Dr. Juan Betancur, Professor, Urban Planning and Policy Program, UIC
Moderator: **Alma Anaya**, Cook County Commissioner, 7 th District

10 : 00 - 10 : 25

**¡Actívate!: A Community Data-Driven Guide to
Help Latinas and Their Families Thrive**

Linda Xochitl Tortolero, President and CEO, Mujeres Latinas en Acción
Erika Aguirre, Licensed Professional Counselor and Co-Founder, Oasis Project
Sayed Sanchez, Advocacy Coordinator, Mujeres Latinas en Acción
Moderator: **Roberto Valdez**, Midwest Policy Director, Hispanic Federation

10 : 25 - 10 : 30

Congratulatory Remarks

Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, U.S. Representative, 4th District of Illinois

10 : 30 - 10 : 50

**Serving Illinois' Immigrant
Communities Through Research**

Rob Paral, Senior Research Specialist, Great Cities Institute, UIC
Eddie Borrayo, President and CEO, Rincón Family Services
Moderator: **Dr. Layla Suleiman González**, President, Suleiman and Associates, LLC.

10 : 50 - 11 : 00

**Announcement of Forthcoming Update
of the Latino Neighborhoods Report**

Introduction **Ricardo Estrada**, President and CEO, Metropolitan Family Services
Presented by **José Miguel Acosta-Córdova**, Former James J. Stukel Student Fellow, Great Cities and
Senior Transportation Policy Analyst, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO)

11 : 00 - 11 : 30

**Latino Presence in Chicagoland:
Employment and Settlement Patterns**

José Miguel Acosta-Córdova, Senior Transportation Policy Analyst, Little Village Environmental
Justice Organization (LVEJO) and Doctoral Candidate, Geography, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Alex Linares, Research Specialist, Great Cities Institute
Norma Hernández, Illinois State Representative, 77 th District and former Research Specialist, GCI
Moderated by **Dr. Teresa Córdova**, Director, Great Cities Institute

11 : 30

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Juan González, Co-Host of Democracy Now and Senior Research Fellow at the Great Cities Institute

12 : 30 - 01 : 30

**Luncheon Panel with UIC Faculty Affiliates,
GCI Latino Research Initiative**

Dr. Lilia Fernandez, Professor, Department of History
Dr. Xochi Bada, Associate Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies
Dr. Ralph Cintrón, Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies and The Department of English
Dr. Lorena Garcia, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
Dr. Daysi Ximena Diaz-Strong, Assistant Professor, Jane Addams School of Social Work
Moderator: **Dr. Jonathan Xavier Inda**, Professor and Director of Latin American and Latino Studies

01 : 30 - 02 : 00

Bringing People Together: Dessert and Networking

02 : 00

Adjourn