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## **SAN ANTONIO MAYOR JULIÁN CASTRO HEADLINES LATINO POLICY FORUM BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 8**

*Keynote to focus on shared vision of investing in Latino community for thriving city, country*

**CHICAGO – October 24, 2013** – Current statistics from the Pew Research Center demonstrate a multicultural demographic which includes Latinos is becoming the majority population in the United States, playing a vital role in shaping the future of this country and leading the country's economic growth and purchasing power. On November 8, the Latino Policy Forum will lead a discussion on this important topic as it hosts its third annual policy breakfast, part of its *Latinos on the Move* series, "Latino Education, Service and Leadership: A Shared Future" with featured keynote speaker San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro.

Mayor Castro is the youngest mayor of a top 50 American city. First elected in 2009 and re-elected in 2011 and 2013, he has brought good paying jobs in 21<sup>st</sup> century industries to San Antonio, and focused on raising educational achievement and bolstering economic investment. Millions in the U.S. tuned in when Mayor Castro passionately delivered the address at the 2012 Democratic National Convention. At the policy breakfast on November 8, he plans to share his thoughts on the importance of education, leadership and service for the Latino community, as well as the positive impact that has on the nation as a whole.

"Cities like Chicago and San Antonio have always been among the most diverse in our country," said Sylvia Puente, executive director of the Latino Policy Forum. "What's significant now is that the rest of the country is starting to look like these places—and that our country's leaders, like Mayor Castro, are starting to reflect this diversity. Our willingness to invest in today's multicultural children, especially our growing numbers of Latino children, will ensure they have opportunities to grow into leadership and public service that will shape our shared future."

The November 8<sup>th</sup> policy breakfast is in the Grand Ballroom, Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe in Chicago. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., and breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. with the program starting soon thereafter.

Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.latinopolicyforum.org/> or by calling 312-376-1766 ext.223. Early-bird tickets are \$150; after October 31<sup>st</sup>, the ticket price is \$200.

Four hundred business, civic, community and elected leaders are expected to attend along with key sponsors including: Allstate Insurance Company, Ancora Associates, Clear Channel Communications, Crain's Chicago Business, J.P. Morgan Chase, The Boeing Company, ComEd, Hoy, Robert R. McCormick Foundation, Pritzker Children's Initiative, Bruce and Diana Rauner, Splash Magazine, State Farm Insurance, Walgreens and Western Union.

### **About the Latino Policy Forum**

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 conducts analysis to inform, influence and lead. Its goals are to improve education outcomes, advocate for affordable housing, promote just immigration policies, and engage diverse sectors of the community, with an understanding that advancing Latinos advances a shared future. For more information, visit [www.latinopolicyforum.org](http://www.latinopolicyforum.org).

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