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Latino Policy Forum Statement on the Illinois Latino Nonprofit Leadership Academy Redesign

Chicago—April 21, 2015— To explore new ways of expanding the impact of its highly successful leadership model, the Illinois Latino Nonprofit Leadership Academy will take a one-year sabbatical of its training program in 2015 to redesign its initiatives.

Since 2009, the Academy has trained 151 leaders working in 45 organizations across Illinois. Participants have gone on to achieve higher leadership roles within their organization, while many alumni gain recognition on the local, national and international level. In May, the sixth cohort of the Academy will graduate from the program.

The Academy and the Latino Policy Forum looks forward to continued work with <u>Acuerdo partners</u> and the <u>Illinois Latino Agenda</u>. For those looking for additional training, the Forum provides other leadership opportunities through <u>Abriendo Puertas</u>, <u>Promotores de Inmigracion</u> and <u>Vivenda Justa</u>.

Check back <u>here</u> for updates on the program's expansion.

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.

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