



## Latino Policy Forum Statement on New State Legislative Maps

The Latino Policy Forum is gravely disappointed in the Illinois legislative maps that were signed into law last week, which do not provide equitable opportunities for Latinos to elect the representatives of their choice. These maps do not accurately reflect the state's Latino population, nor its true diversity within the halls of government, and they do not bode well for a more equitable future of our election systems.

"Despite Illinois adding 309,832 Latinos to its overall population according to 2020 census data, the state did not add any Latino-majority districts. In fact, we lost one Latino-majority House district, from 14 to 13," says Latino Policy Forum President and CEO Sylvia Puente. "This is not fair, just, or equitable."

"The map signed into law by the Governor, after having had a second opportunity to get it right and after an increase in the state Latino population that should result in an increase in Latino-majority districts, falls very short," says former State Senator and former Chicago City Clerk Miguel del Valle, who testified alongside the Forum in hearings on redistricting this year. "I'm very disappointed that the general assembly and the Latino caucus voted for this inequitable map, which is an injustice to Latinos statewide."

Read the Forum's statements from earlier in the year on why the Illinois legislative maps fall short of equity: <https://www.latinopolicyforum.org/news/press-releases>