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Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti hosts Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon in Little Village

CHICAGO – Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti celebrated her 4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month event today at the iconic Mexican restaurant Mi Tierra in Little Village to honor the Hispanic community for its educational, civic, political and economic contributions to Illinois.

The event was co-hosted by the Little Village Chamber of Commerce and Lieutenant Governor's Office in partnership with the Illinois Bicentennial Commission, Univision-Chicago, ComEd, Citgo, and Inland Real Estate.

"This year our celebration is extra special in our state as we celebrate Illinois' 200th birthday," said Lt. Governor Sanguinetti, the first Latina lieutenant governor in Illinois and American history. "Illinois is home to 2.2 million Latinos. We have a larger total Hispanic population than some major cities in the United States. As the daughter of immigrant parents, I am proud to say that the Hispanic-American community has played a vital role not only to our state's culture but also to our economic engine."

Joining the event were consuls general, state agency directors, and community leaders from the Hispanic-American community. The keynote speaker was José Torres, President of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, the No. 1 public school in the United States.

This year's MC was Diana Perez with Univision-Chicago. Performances were presented by Tango 21 Dance Theater, which performed traditional Argentinian tango dances, and the award winning and nationally acclaimed dance group Back of the Yards Ballet Folklórico.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated in the United States from September 15 through October 15.

Video of the event can be found [here](#).

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