



To whom it may concern:

The Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC) today reiterates the same position it took 18 months ago before City Council when we endorsed the Exchange 55 project. We have long understood that the construction of a commercial warehouse at 3501 South Pulaski Road will bring multiple economic benefits to the entire community which is predominantly Latino.

Any flaws that may have occurred in the demolition process of the previous structure where the project will be located have been identified and are currently facing prosecution in the courts. It will be the Justice system that dictates sanctions for contractors and subcontractors, and it is not within the competence of our organization to make technical assessments, much less interfere in the decision making of any authority.

But we do reaffirm our total conviction that this project, which will generate 800 direct jobs and multiply small businesses in Chicago's second commercial corridor, will be the engine of new economic development for a region that has been demanding quality investments for decades.

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