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U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez endorses Gery Chico for mayor of Chicago

Chico campaign rolls out first TV ad

(CHICAGO) U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.) today strongly endorsed Gery Chico to be the next mayor of Chicago. Calling Chico “by far the most qualified candidate in the race,” Gutierrez praised the former school board president’s track record of delivering results for all Chicago neighborhoods.

“Every time Gery was called to serve the people of Chicago, he delivered,” Rep. Luis Gutierrez said. “No other candidate has balanced 16 budgets. No other candidate has built bridges across racial, ethnic and geographic lines like Gery has. Gery Chico is simply the best candidate to lead Chicago right now.”

At a news conference hosted at the National Museum of Mexican Art, the Chico campaign also unveiled a new television advertisement featuring Rep. Gutierrez, which will begin airing on Spanish language television Tuesday. **View the ad at GeryChico.com.** Chico thanked Gutierrez for his support and praised his advocacy for immigration reform.

“There is no elected official more committed or more passionate about protecting and advocating for our nation’s immigrant community than Rep. Gutierrez,” Gery Chico said. “I am honored to have his support and look forward to working together on important issues like immigration reform.”

Gutierrez worked with Chico when he served as mayoral chief of staff and Gutierrez was a city alderman. Gutierrez said Chico was “hands-on” and always a “step ahead” when it came to meeting the needs of Chicago’s neighborhoods.

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“Whether it was helping a business navigate red tape or fixing a street, Gery showed up and got the job done,” Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez was the latest example of Chico’s strong support in the Latino community. Among Chico’s supporters are Rev. Wilfredo De Jesus, Ald. Danny Solis (25th), Ald. Joe Moreno (1st), Ald. George Cardenas (12th), former Ald. Manny Flores, the Mexican American Police Organization and the Latin American Police Association.

“We have the chance to make history by electing the first Latino mayor,” Gutierrez said. “But the next mayor of Chicago must represent all communities. When I was an alderman under Mayor Harold Washington, I saw the kind of diverse, committed leadership and coalition-building skills it took to accomplish important things for our city. It is time for that kind of leadership again.”

Chico’s resume is built for mayor of Chicago. Chico served as the president of Chicago Public Schools, where he led the building and renovation of schools in every part of the city; president of the Chicago Park District, where he built parks and playgrounds in every community; and chairman of the City Colleges, where he began the reinvention of the City Colleges to focus on job training and equip young people for available work. For more information, please visit GeryChico.com

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