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The Latin American Police Association (LAPA) is disappointed to learn that despite a nationwide search for Police Superintendent, no Hispanic candidates were selected as finalists by the Chicago Police Board.

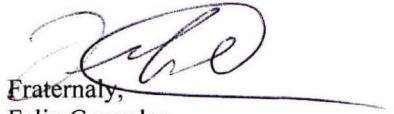
This is particularly disheartening due to the fact that Interim Superintendent of Police John Escalante has exceedingly performed the duties required for the position. Escalante has risen to the challenge and despite his extreme professionalism, impeccable resume, exemplary career and dedication to the Chicago Police Department his name was not submitted to the Mayor for consideration. We do not know of a more deserving candidate to lead the Department. Escalante has done an incredible job in working to repair police and community relations, and has displayed tremendous leadership skills during this difficult transition period.

The LAPA, the Hispanic Illinois State Law Enforcement Association (HISLEA) and the Puerto Rican Police Association (PRPA) have been in continuous discussions regarding the lack of Hispanics in law enforcement. Specifically, within the ranks of upper management and command staff positions.

We have the utmost confidence in the Police Board's selection process and are certain the Mayor will select the most qualified candidate to lead the Chicago Police Department. Regardless of whom is selected, LAPA, HISLEA and PRPA are eager to work closely with the new Superintendent.

We are optimistic for the future and want to be partners in mending and fostering positive relationships with the communities we serve. Committed in assisting the new Superintendent with diversifying the Department, we would like to see parity so that the Department better reflects the demographics of the City of Chicago. Lastly, we would like to note that it has been over 20 years since there has been a Hispanic Superintendent of Police.

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