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Iowans Invited to Meet Six Candidates for Latino Affairs Officer *Community Conversations Scheduled for November 14, 15*

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Human Rights will soon hire an advocate for the state's largest minority community, Latinos. The Department is inviting Iowans to participate in six public interviews for the Office of Latino Affairs' Executive Officer vacancy. That person will work with other state agencies and directly with the public to ensure Latinos can fully participate in Iowa's economic, social and cultural life.

Human Rights Director San Wong said the position comes with great responsibility. "Our office is the Latino community's primary point of contact for all state government issues. As the Latino community continues to grow, our Executive Officer must have a vision for how to meet its needs over time. Public presentations will allow each candidate to outline their vision and begin a conversation with the community."

Each candidate will spend an hour with the public, giving a 15-minute presentation on the topic, "What is your vision for Latino Affairs in the Iowa Department of Human Rights?" followed by a 45-minute question-and-answer session.

The presentations will take place November 14 and 15 at the Lucas State Office Building, Room 320, 321 E. 12th St., Des Moines. The candidates and the schedule are below:

Monday, November 14

11:30 a.m. – James Larsen
1:30 p.m. – Francisco Hernandez
3:30 p.m. – Esperanza Pintor Martinez

Tuesday, November 15

9 a.m. – Jose Amaya
11 a.m. – Ramon Nieves
1:30 p.m. – Alba Perez

If you are a person with a disability and need a reasonable accommodation for the interview process or to participate as a member of the public, please contact Danielle Plogmann, Danielle.Plogmann@iowa.gov, 515-242-5640 by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9.

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