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**RICHARD J. DALEY COLLEGE
ARTURO VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE
WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS**

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS that, the Arturo Velasquez Institute of Richard J. Daley College was selected by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans to host a community conversation on July 29, 2009.

that, Mr. Juan Sepulveda, Executive Director, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence and Dr. Sylvia Ramos, President, collaborated to bring this vital opportunity to the residents of Pilsen and Little Village communities. The Arturo Velasquez Institute supported the community conversation by extending invitations to the event. The community conversations were attended by more than 50 residents. Ms. Maria Codina, Executive Director, Arturo Velasquez Institute, played a key role in local arrangements and contact with the constituent communities.

that, the sessions provided an opportunity for citizens to voice their suggestions for improving Latino educational attainment and prioritizing critical need areas. The panel and small group discussions will play an integral role in the creation of a new executive order that will direct the operations of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans.

that, as part of Richard J. Daley College's proactive outreach to the city of Chicago, the Arturo Velasquez Institute establishes partnerships with government, business, and our communities. In this way, the college provides an essential channel of communication between the Latino community and educational leaders at the local, national and international level.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Chancellor

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