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Office on Latino Affairs Welcomes New Acting Director Jackie Reyes

Washington, DC- The District of Columbia Office of Latino Affairs welcomed Jackie Reyes as the new Acting Director for the agency. Reyes previously served as the Director of Latino Affairs and Community Outreach for former councilmember Jim Graham. She oversees a team tasked with improving the quality of life of the District’s Latino residents by addressing a broad range of social and economic needs through strategic management of public and private partnerships, expertise on policy, community relations, civic engagement and community-based grants.

“I am thrilled to have Jackie join our team,” said Mayor Muriel Bowser. “She has deep roots in the community and a proven track record of success working in support of causes that help the Latino community, from expanding public private partnership to crime prevention. Jackie has been an important part of my Administration’s efforts to deliver a fresh start for Washington.”

Currently, Reyes, a Ward One resident and Salvadoran activist made the District her home in 1991. In her time under former Council member Graham, she spearheaded initiatives to address the needs of the diverse Latino residents in the District— a highlight was organizing gang prevention events, which successfully reduced street violence and crime. She is recognized across the District for her efforts to create a safe space for the immigrant community through strategic lobbying for immigration reform. During her

tenure with former councilmember Graham, Reyes secured financing to rebuild the Monseñor Romero Apartments in Mount Pleasant, which fire destroyed in 2008.

“Empowering and continuing the contributions of the Latino community to make DC a true melting pot isn’t just a diversity issue – it’s an issue of inclusion. I look forward to working with the Mayor to create greater economic opportunities for more Washingtonians, while also preserving our city’s diverse make-up for generations to come,” Reyes said. “Having the opportunity to continue working on an issue I care so deeply about is a blessing.”

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