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HACIA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JORGE PEREZ NAMED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Chicago, Ill. - The Community Development Commission (CDC) has elected the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association's (HACIA) Executive Director, Jorge Perez, to Vice-Chairman on April 19, 2012.

Previously, Perez was a current member to the CDC since July 2011 after Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed him to the committee. Perez will serve as Vice-Chair to current Chair, Marina Carrott.

"I look forward to deepening my involvement on this commission and provide leadership to move projects forward," said Perez.

Before joining HACIA, Perez served as Vice President of Strategic Planning and Policy for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and as Deputy Commissioner for Chicago's Department of Aviation.

Established in 1992 by the Chicago City Council, the CDC meets every month and is composed of 15 members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the council. The CDC reviews and recommends action to the City Council on the establishment of new Tax Increment Financing districts and Redevelopment Area designations. The CDC also reviews and recommends action on the sale of city-owned property located in TIF districts or redevelopment areas, and the provision of TIF financing to assist private redevelopment projects.

Founded in 1979 as an advocacy organization, HACIA provides technical assistance to MBE, WBE and DBE firms with the goal of developing long-term sustainability and capacity. HACIA represents more than 300 companies that include everything from professional service firms to construction related businesses, collectively employing approximately 7,000 workers with an annual economic impact of over \$400 million. Also, HACIA provides business management assistance services and training to its members.

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