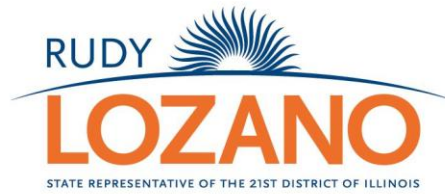


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RUDY LOZANO ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 21ST DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Community leader launches second bid for public office to fight for progressive leadership in Illinois

July 13, 2011 (LYONS, IL) – Flanked by two generations of progressive leadership and a crowd of supporters eager to finish what they started in the 2010 election, Rudy Lozano announced his candidacy today for State Representative of the 21st District of Illinois.

“Throughout Illinois, I have advocated for more effective job-training programs and stood with workers demanding fair pay, benefits, and pensions. I have stood up for the voiceless and for the disenfranchised,” Lozano said at a press conference at Cermak Aquatic Center in Lyons. Together with Stickney, Summit, Cicero, Little Village, Garfield Ridge, and Brighton Park, the Village of Lyons comprises the newly drawn 21st District. *“Now, I bring those experiences to the office of State Representative of the 21st District, an area of Illinois hit hard by the recession and in need of better jobs, better schools, and better reasons to believe that government can accomplish great things on behalf of working people.”*

At a time of persistent unemployment, chronic corruption, and budget paralysis in Springfield and Washington, Lozano puts forth a vision of popular empowerment, embodied in Local School Councils, union organizing drives, environmental campaigns, and neighborhood organizations.

Cook County Commissioner Jesus “Chuy” Garcia of the 7th District and 22nd Ward Alderman Ricardo Muñoz joined Lozano for the announcement. Lozano represents the next generation of progressive leadership in metropolitan Chicago, having run with Com. Garcia in the 2010 election and nearly toppling a longtime incumbent.

“Rudy embodies the next generation of leaders who embody the values of working families who aspire to attain a good education and safe, healthy communities. He is working hard to share his vision and ideas in order to protect the quality of life of all our communities,” Com. Garcia said.

Lozano is a graduate of Leadership Greater Chicago, a well-recognized incubator of political, entrepreneurial, and cultural pioneers. He has motivated dozens of youth to finish high school, attend college, and realize their aspirations. Lozano’s work with parents has created safe passages to and from neighborhood schools and more effective anti-violence campaigns. Like his father, slain activist Rudy Lozano, Sr., he has fought alongside organized labor and workers seeking better wages, affordable health care, and secure pensions.

“Our time demands nothing less than the best of us coming forward to realize a vision for our neighborhoods, our villages, and our cities. Yes, it’s possible, and I ask you to join me,” Lozano said.

The Lozano campaign has begun a listening tour of the district and unveiled its new website which will be completed in the next few days: <http://www.rudylozanoforstaterep.com/>.