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SEIU Illinois Council endorses Rudy Lozano Jr. for State Representative

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CHICAGO—Uniting more than 170,000 working families, the SEIU Illinois Council announced Monday its endorsement of Rudy Lozano, Jr. for State Representative of Illinois' 21st Legislative District.

"Rudy Lozano, Jr. will be a strong voice on the issues that matter most to working families in the State Capitol in Springfield," said Tom Balanoff, president of the SEIU Illinois Council. "SEIU members – who are home care workers, child care providers, janitors, security guards, CNAs, physicians, first responders and social service workers—are proud to back candidates like Rudy. With a strong track record of community activism, standing up for workers and immigrant youth, we know we can count on him to stand up for Chicago families as our state representative."

A longtime resident of the Little Village neighborhood on Chicago's southwest side, Lozano is a community activist and a champion for workers' rights, who has fought for living wages and to pass the Illinois DREAM Act to give undocumented immigrant students a chance at a college education.

"The key to building strong and safe communities is investing in our schools and public safety," said Christine Boardman, Treasurer of the SEIU Illinois Council. "Our members look forward to working with Rudy in the community and in Springfield to expand after-school programs and violence prevention initiatives to make Chicago neighborhoods safer for families."

"Rudy Lozano knows the only way to get our struggling economy back on track is by creating good, living wage jobs and by investing in job training programs," said SEIU Illinois Council Vice President Keith Kelleher. "We can count on Rudy to work with us to get Illinois families back to work."

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The SEIU Illinois Council unites more than 170,000 working families employed in property services, the public sector, health care, long-term care and child care.