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PRESS ADVISORY

PUENTE Learning Center Appoints New Board Chair

Los Angeles, February 15, 2018 – PUENTE Learning Center’s Board of Directors appointed attorney Albert Reyes as the current Chair in the organization’s 33-year history. As chairperson, Reyes will provide governance and leadership for PUENTE as the organization expands its educational services for the East Los Angeles community.

Former chairperson Raul Amezcua served on the Board of Directors as chair from 2007 – 2010 and 2014-2017, as well as treasurer from 2012 – 2013. Amezcua is pleased to pass on the opportunity to lead the Board to Reyes, and he is confident that Reyes will do so successfully. Amezcua will remain on PUENTE’s Board until 2019, and then he will play an active role on PUENTE’s Advisory Committee, continuing his service to the organization through PUENTE’s annual Golf Tournament and fundraising initiatives.

Albert Reyes has been an active Board member at PUENTE for over two years, previously serving as Board secretary. Since 2016, Reyes has led the board in many initiatives, including but not limited to fundraising, event support, and financials. He has been a substantial supporter of PUENTE, and the main sponsor of PUENTE’s Christmas Under the Stars dinner, an evening for PUENTE adult students and their families to celebrate the holidays with food, music, and activities. Additionally, Reyes contributed substantially to PUENTE’s fundraising initiatives through the annual Golf Tournament in both 2016 and 2017.

Reyes is a partner at Nossaman LLP, an Irvine based law firm specializing in the representation of public agencies such as counties, cities, school districts, water districts and special districts in connection with public finance matters. With a career that spans both law and public finance, Reyes is well equipped to facilitate PUENTE in exceptional leadership and governance.

Reyes will lead his first meeting as chair at the quarterly board meeting on February 22, 2018. He will also participate in PUENTE’s Staff Development Day on February 23rd to engage with PUENTE staff. “We are very fortunate to have Albert as our new board chair. I look forward to his leadership and commitment to serving PUENTE’s mission.” – Andrea Bazán, CEO.

About PUENTE Learning Center - An established nonprofit presence in the Los Angeles community for over 32 years, PUENTE Learning Center is recognized for its commitment to its mission and focus on education. PUENTE’s programs are designed to create a pipeline or “bridge” for students in all levels of their education in the community of Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles and beyond. Annually, PUENTE provides academic instruction to more than 3,600 children, youth, and adults and, to date, over 100,000 individuals have made use of the tuition-free resources on the path to self-sufficiency for themselves and their families.

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