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**EMANUEL PLEITEZ RELEASES IMMIGRATION PLATFORM IN BOYLE HEIGHTS**

*Pleitez unveils three point immigration reform plan in advance of City Council vote*

LOS ANGELES – Today, Emanuel Pleitez released his policy priorities for immigration at Mariachi Plaza in Boyle Heights. This came in advance of the City Council's vote on the reestablishment of the Office of Immigrant Affairs. Pleitez views the office as necessary, but not a solution in and of itself.

Pleitez expressed his desire for Los Angeles to be a leader in immigration reform regardless of what decisions are made in Washington D.C. His plans included the following:

- Opening immigration centers around the city, to expedite citizenship applications of anyone eligible for US permanent residency and citizenship
- A municipal work visa program that would explicitly guarantee workers' rights under California state law, making it easier for immigrants to demand and receive health benefits, retirement benefits, and a living wage
- A multi-million dollar scholarship fund that subsidizes early education and after-school programs for young people in low-income families across Los Angeles

"There's still so much that needs to be done, and we can't afford to waste any more time. Under my administration, we won't. Los Angeles will be a city that pushes the envelope, always asking what else we can do to make this city a great city not just for immigrants, but all groups that too often feel the American Dream slipping by."

Pleitez is a former technology executive, with public, private, and non-profit sector experience, and was appointed to manage President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. Pleitez, an LA native, grew up on the eastside and currently lives in El Sereno with his wife, Rebecca.

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