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## THE LOS ANGELES LATINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES RICK OLIVAREZ AS NEWEST MEMBER ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Los Angeles, CA - February 5, 2017 – The Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce (LALCC) welcomes Rick Olivarez, Managing Partner and Founder of Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neil, as the newest member of its Board of Directors. Rick joins a board of twelve influential leaders who've contributed to the growth of the Latino business community in Los Angeles, while growing their own successful enterprises.

As the Managing Shareholder of Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, Rick oversees the certified minority owned firm's municipal and school district practice groups. Under his leadership, the certified minority-owned firm has helped provide legal counseling in contract law, labor and employment litigation, public agency law, etc. Rick is also the acting City Attorney for the City of El Monte, the City of San Fernando, and the City of Cudahy--a role in which he gives his expertise on all aspects of municipal law, with specialization towards ethics, Public Records Act, open government law, and public contracts. He has represented several Los Angeles K-12 districts as the General Counsel. In this role, he serves as the core legal advisor to the school board and staff. The issues he has advocated for include conflict of interest, ethics, investigations and personnel matters, with particular expertise involving investigations of misconduct, harassment and retaliation.

Chairman of the LALCC Board, Gilbert R. Vasquez, stated he is "confident that Mr. Olivarez's knowledge and experience with government law, public contracts, and ethics will bring great understanding on how to advocate and open more opportunities for Latino small business owners." Raul Salinas, fellow LALCC Board member and Managing Partner at AlvaradoSmith law firm states that "we are proud and honored to have Rick Olivarez join the Board and look forward to his experience, and counsel on important legal issues pertinent to the Board and vital towards the many small business owners in Los Angeles."

## Rick Olivarez Managing Partner & Founder, Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neil



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The LALCC actively promotes the economic development and interests of the 300,000 Latino owned businesses in Los Angeles County. The LALCC is committed to creating an environment where Latino business revenues are doubled by 2023. The mission of the LALCC is to facilitate the upward mobility of the Los Angeles Latino community. For more information, visit us at LALCC.org