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FORWARD LATINO APPLAUDS COMMON COUNCIL VOTE SUSTAINING MAYORAL VETO AND REOPENING ALDERMANIC DISTRICT MAP PROCESS

Franklin, WI: Forward Latino, a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization with members throughout the City of Milwaukee applauds today's vote by the Milwaukee Common Council. The vote sustains Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett's veto and will reopen the aldermanic redistricting process.

Forward Latino National President Darryl Morin issued the following statement:

"Forward Latino applauds today's vote by Milwaukee's Common Council. The purpose of the redistricting process is to ensure fair representation for all. Today's vote reaffirms their commitment to doing just that.

Milwaukee's Hispanic community has grown substantially over the last 10 years and now represents 20.1% of Milwaukee's total population. From Latino culture and cuisine to Hispanic economic contributions to Milwaukee, today's vote is an important step to acknowledging these contributions.

While there is still import work to be done, we thank Common Council President Cavalier Johnson, Committee Chairman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderpersons Zamarripa, Dimitrijevic and Pérez and the entire Common Council for today's vote. We fully understand the original process was rushed due to delays at the Federal, state and county levels. As such, we also thank Mayor Tom Barrett for pressing the pause button, giving Milwaukee's Hispanic community additional time to be heard.

We look forward to working with our partners at Voces de la Frontera, the Hispanic Collaborative and others, as well as the Common Council and Mayor Tom Barrett to pass a map that recognizes the contributions of Milwaukee's Hispanic community and that provides fair representation for all."

About Forward Latino:

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization dedicated to assisting Latinos pursuing the American Dream. Forward Latino fulfills its mission through advocacy, civic engagement, education, and service delivery. Forward Latino currently has members and affiliates in 29 states and is running numerous "Por Mi Familia" get vaccinated programs in communities across the Midwest.

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