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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE XQUINA INCUBATOR CAFÉ IN LITTLE VILLAGE**

*Xquina will be a Transformative, Community-Driven Incubator and Café*

(Chicago, IL) – The Little Village Chamber of Commerce and the Little Village Community Foundation will be joined by elected officials, business and community leaders for a **groundbreaking ceremony to kick-off the construction of the *Xquina Incubator Café* on Wednesday, September 23 at 11 a.m.**

The Little Village Chamber of Commerce and Community Foundation recently announced that the City of Chicago City Council approved a \$1.5 million Neighborhood Opportunity Fund grant. The grant will be used by the Little Village Chamber of Commerce and the Little Village Community Foundation to rehabilitate a vacant, three-story building located at 3523-25 W. 26th St. as a co-working office space, a shared commercial kitchen and a café. The project has also received support from the State of Illinois Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE) and Capital Bill. The \$3.5 million, 12,000-square-foot project will create 28 construction jobs and 15 permanent jobs upon completion. The *Xquina Incubator and Café* will offer existing and start-up professionals, emerging businesses, residents, media professionals and local youth the opportunity and space to amplify and improve their business skills in an open, accessible and inclusive learning environment that will offer bilingual, adaptable training and coaching.

**WHO:** City of Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderperson Michael D. Rodriguez, Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Erin Guthrie, State Representative Elizabeth Hernandez, Mexican Consul General in Chicago Ambassador Reyna Torres Mendivil, Representative 21<sup>st</sup> District Edgar Gonzalez Jr., business and community leaders.

**WHEN: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

*Please arrive no later than 10:45 a.m. to begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and end with a groundbreaking shovel photo op. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.*

**WHERE:** 3523-25 W. 26th Street

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