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PODER, Solorio High School, and UnidosUS Partner to Celebrate Civic Engagement with "Party at the Polls" on Election Day

Free community event in Chicago will combine voter preparation, family-friendly activities, food, and entertainment to encourage informed and confident participation in the democratic process.

CHICAGO, IL — PODER, in partnership with Solorio High School and with funding support from UnidosUS, will host Party at the Polls on Tuesday, November 3, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at PODER headquarters, 3357 W. 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60632. The free community event will celebrate civic engagement while connecting residents with trusted voting information and resources to help them participate confidently in the democratic process.

The event comes at a pivotal time for Latino civic participation. Nearly 39 million Latino Americans are eligible to vote nationwide in 2026, according to Pew Research Center projections. In Chicago, Latinos represent nearly 30% of the city's population, underscoring their significant role in the community's civic and economic future.

Through UnidosUS's Voter Protection Network (VPN), PODER is expanding its work to ensure community members have access to reliable, bilingual voting information and resources to understand their rights. The initiative connects trusted community organizations with training and election protection support, helping voters find answers and assistance when questions or concerns arise.

Party at the Polls will bring this mission to life in a welcoming, family-friendly environment featuring karaoke, food, arts and crafts, a photo booth, raffle prizes, and a voter preparation station.

"Democracy is strongest when people feel informed, supported, and empowered to make their voices heard," said Daniel Loftus, Founder and CEO of PODER. "At PODER, we believe civic engagement begins with trust and community. Party at the Polls brings people together to access reliable information, prepare to participate, and celebrate the power we each have to shape our collective future."

The collaboration with Solorio High School reflects a shared commitment to connecting generations, strengthening community relationships, and making civic participation accessible and welcoming. With support from UnidosUS, PODER is reinforcing its role as a trusted resource for Chicago's Southwest Side, where community members can access information and support as they navigate the voting process.

Party at the Polls is more than a celebration, it is a commitment to informed participation, community connection, and ensuring every eligible voter has the opportunity to make their voice heard.

Community members are invited to join PODER and Solorio High School for this free Election Day gathering.

EVENT DETAILS
Event: Party at the Polls
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Time: 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Location: PODER HQ, 3357 W 55th St., Chicago, IL 60632
Presented by: PODER in collaboration with Solorio High School
Funding support: UnidosUS Voter Protection Network

Activities include:
- Voter preparation station and trusted voting information
- Karaoke and entertainment
- Food and refreshments
- Arts, crafts, and coloring activities
- Photo booth
- Raffle prizes

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ABOUT PODER
PODER is an immigrant integration center serving Chicago's Southwest Side. Through education, workforce development, digital literacy, and career pathway programs, PODER supports immigrant adults as they build skills, access opportunities, and strengthen their participation in their communities. For more information, visit www.poderworks.org.

ABOUT UNIDOSUS
UnidosUS is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to building a stronger America through its work advancing opportunities for Latinos. Through its affiliate network and initiatives such as the Voter Protection Network, UnidosUS supports community organizations working to expand access to trusted voting information and election protection resources.