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Isaac Guerrero Joins Region 1 Planning Council Staff

ROCKFORD, IL — Region 1 Planning Council is pleased to welcome Isaac Guerrero to its team of planners and project managers. As Policy Coordinator for the Council, Guerrero will be responsible for conducting policy research, planning, and initiatives to help align planning and programs within the agency's multi-county service area.

Region 1 Planning Council (RPC) is continuously evaluating strategies to support local governments, and regional planning is more critical than ever as the nation looks to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. "Isaac's talents are a compliment to our team and the strategies we are deploying to meet the immediate and future needs of the region for community planning and development issues," said RPC Executive Director Michael Dunn, Jr.

Guerrero, a Rockford native and a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago and Northwestern University, has more than two decades of experience as a reporter and editor at the Rockford Register Star. His in-depth reporting and research on economic development, public/private partnerships, and opportunities to leverage local and state tax dollars has garnered journalism awards and informed his knowledge of the region's challenges and opportunities.

"I'm excited to continue helping the Rockford region understand how to achieve prosperity and overcome obstacles that too often hold us back," Guerrero said.

Region 1 Planning Council is a special-purpose, regional government agency providing cross-jurisdictional, government-to-government collaborative planning for Northern Illinois. The regional planning model provides an efficient means to promoting a well-informed, comprehensive dialogue that holistically addresses regional issues by fulfilling the needs of government entities for long-range planning, securing funding, and analyzing and providing data in support of regional projects and initiatives.

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