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## For Immediate Release: Hernandez Resigns as Executive Director of Centro Latino of Iowa

Centro Latino of Iowa (CLI), the premier bilingual and bicultural Hispanic/Latino center in Southwest Iowa, announced today that Marcos Hernandez submitted his resignation as Executive Director effective May 9, 2023.

Hernandez, who began first as CLI's Interim Director and was then hired by the board as Executive Director, informed the board that he has accepted a position with another nonprofit organization based in Kansas City.

Hernandez stated "This is bittersweet for me, I have developed strong partnerships and close friendships with (area) professionals and with the CLI staff." Hernandez also stated "As much as I love this experience (of being the Executive Director of Centro Latino), and will cherish it for the rest of my life, it is a very timely opportunity for me and my family, fitting perfectly with my experiences and skill sets."

Hector Santiago, CLI board chair noted "On behalf of the Board of Directors for CLI, I thank Marcos for all the work he performed during his time as Director. We congratulate Marcos on his new position."

The search for a new Executive Director is in the beginning phases - please refer to CLI's website ([sucentrolatino.com](http://sucentrolatino.com)) for updates and position description.

There will be no disruptions in the services that Centro Latino provides to individuals, families, and community partners, nor will there be any impact to the operating procedures during this transition.

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Centro Latino of Iowa formalized operations in 2012 and continues to work to educate and empower Hispanic/Latino individuals and families towards thriving, self-sufficient, and healthy lives. Activities and services including Family Support, Civic Engagement, Legal Assistance, Adult Education, and Cultural Education will continue to be made available to the public. Visit [sucentrolatino.com](http://sucentrolatino.com) for more information.

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