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Building the Infrastructure of Opportunity for Latinos in Nevada

LAS VEGAS, NV—Latinos in the Intermountain West were hit hard by the Great Recession and have had more difficulty recovering economically than non-Latinos. To improve economic resiliency, states need to develop an infrastructure of opportunity, according to *The State of Latinos in the Intermountain West*, a new report authored by the Kenny Guinn Center for Policy Priorities. Key elements of the infrastructure of opportunity include access to quality education, effective training and job development, health care, and capital.

"We found that outcomes for Latinos in the areas of education, economic well-being, and business development often lag behind non-Latinos throughout the Intermountain West," said Dr. Nancy E. Brune, Executive Director of the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities. "Nevada's Latinos often fare worse than Latinos in other states in the region. We have developed some policy guidance for policymakers in the areas of education, workforce development, and access to capital, that we believe could help build a robust infrastructure of opportunity."

To highlight the paper's findings, the Guinn Center will host an event on June 30, 2014 featuring three panel discussions on policies improving the well-being of Latinos in the areas of higher education, workforce development, and access to capital. "The Guinn Center for Policy Priorities is pleased to be able to host an event on Latinos featuring national policy experts," said Philip G. Satre, Chairman of the Guinn Center's Board. "One of the Guinn Center's goals is to engage policymakers and community members in a rich discussion based on data-driven analysis. These experts have real-world experience researching and implementing policies that have improved the well-being of Latinos. This experience can help inform the policy debate in Nevada."

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