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**Susana Mendoza Files More Than Twice the Petition Signatures Needed  
to Secure Spot on February Ballot**

**CHICAGO, IL** – Mayoral candidate Susana Mendoza filed her petitions today to secure a spot on the Feb. 26, 2019 ballot. Mendoza, together with three of her campaign co-chairs, submitted over 25,000 signatures on Monday afternoon -- more than twice the amount required.

"There's been tremendous support for Susana since we launched the Draft Susana movement. That support increased exponentially since she announced her candidacy less than two weeks ago," said co-chair Marty Castro. "It's clear that the people of Chicago want a candidate who's committed to the next generation and the neighborhoods."

Castro joined fellow co-chairs Mae Whiteside, a member of the Leadership Circle of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association and former member of Stacey Abrams' National Finance Council, and Kathy Byrne, an attorney and daughter of Mayor Jane Byrne, the city's first and only woman mayor, at the Chicago Board of Elections to support Mendoza on filing day.

"Today was an important step in Chicago's history. I am truly excited that Susana Mendoza will be our next mayor. No other candidate comes close to her experience, talents, and passion to lead our great city today and for the next generation," said Byrne.

"I am so incredibly grateful for our volunteers and supporters who worked day and night in such a short window of time to gather signatures," Mendoza said. "I'm excited to spend the next three months of this campaign talking about our vision for Chicago's future and for the people who call our neighborhoods home. It's time to shape Chicago's future together."

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