



# PILSEN NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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*"Celebrating 60 years of community organizing"*

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## **Pilsen Neighbors Community Council Celebrates 60 years of community organizing**

(Chicago, IL) This October, Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization. Since 1954, PNCC has been a key part of the historical Pilsen community.

For close to 60 years now, Pilsen Neighbors has been a part of transforming the community. PNCC's mission is to work to establish policies and practices around the needs of the community by working with community leaders on local, state and federal issues. PNCC has and continues to invest in the development of new community leaders through leadership training to bring about civic engagement and action that lead to changes in the neighborhood.

This year Pilsen Neighbors Community Council's board and community leaders are proud to celebrate this monumental anniversary and have committed to continue transforming peoples' lives through community organizing. Part of that commitment is to continue organizing Fiesta del Sol each year with its strong leadership and without any help from outside consulting firms. As a self sufficient organization, Fiesta del Sol is PNCC's primary fundraising opportunity to underwrite the community organizing and education programming throughout the year. The programs we offer year round include: scholarships, internships, tutoring and mentoring, leadership development, and community organizing.

PNCC has worked tirelessly on the issues of economic development, education funding, immigration reform, universal healthcare, older adult social well being and workforce development. The organization has been historically instrumental in organizing parents to upgrade existing school buildings as well as building new schools to end overcrowding. PNCC currently leads parent leadership trainings in Pilsen and the Midway area and is now organizing the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Summit and its organizing work in Early Childhood Education is thriving.

**When:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 6pm-9pm

**Where:** National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St, Chicago, IL 60608

**About Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC)** [Pilsen Neighbors Community Council](http://www.pilsenneighbors.org)'s (PNCC) focuses primarily on community organizing. A core goal of community organizing is to generate power to influence key decision-makers on a range of issues. PNCC works on immigration reform, education reform, work force development and healthcare.

PNCC also offers services such as: an ACT Preparation Program, the Guadalupe A. Reyes, Fiesta del Sol Scholarship, and an Immigration Legal Clinic. PNCC is part of an international organization, the Gamaliel Network, a grassroots network of non-partisan, faith based organizations in 17 US states, South Africa and the United Kingdom that organizes to empower people to effectively participate in the political, environmental, social and economic decisions affecting their lives.

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