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## **Lincoln Forum And Union League Club of Chicago Partner to present high-profile Civic Affairs Program Series**

*Bipartisan Lincoln Forum and Union League Club of Chicago Aim to Advance Civil Discourse*

**(Chicago, IL – Jan. 24, 2020)** Elected officials, policy experts and journalists will soon debate the most pressing issues of the day at a series of civic affairs programs presented by a new partnership of The Lincoln Forum and the Union League Club of Chicago (ULCC).

The co-sponsored forums, which will be held at the historic Union League Club of Chicago (65 W. Jackson Blvd.) as luncheons and cocktail-hour forums, will emphasize the tradition of informed, civil discussion of public affairs issues embraced by both organizations.

The partnership kicks off Feb. 10 with a luncheon forum featuring Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, followed by a March 30 luncheon forum with Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza. Several other local, state and national elected officials and policy makers have committed to appear during the next several months. Each event will feature a question-and-answer session that allows guests to engage directly with speakers.

Since 2017, The Lincoln Forum has brought together Illinois thought leaders from both sides of the aisle to tackle tough questions on urgent issues — including youth violence, government corruption and the state of higher education. Nonpartisan forums have drawn top civic leaders and influential reporters from *Politico*, WBEZ, NBC News, ABC News, WGN Radio and the *Chicago Tribune*.

“This partnership is the culmination of the good work we’ve been doing together to push forward public dialogue on important issues,” said Tracy Slutzkin, co-founder of The Lincoln Forum. “The Union League Club and The Lincoln Forum are a perfect fit to engage our most influential leaders in robust, bipartisan debate for the betterment of civic life throughout Illinois. Now more than ever, it is important to set aside political differences and focus on thoughtful conversations.”

For more than 140 years, the Union League Club has been the most prominent club in Chicago for civic engagement, cultural events and philanthropic programs.

“The Union League Club of Chicago is the nation’s only private club dedicated to public policy advocacy and community service,” said David Kohn, the club’s executive director of public affairs. “We have upheld this mission since the club’s founding in 1879, and we are honored to partner with The Lincoln Forum, which shares our commitment to convening the community for thoughtful, civil conversations about the important issues facing our city, state and nation.”

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### **Union League Club of Chicago**

Since its inception in 1879, the Union League Club of Chicago has been a cornerstone of the Chicago business, civic, social and cultural community. In addition to being a full-service, members-only club that provides an array of amenities in social, business and health and fitness experiences, the Union League Club of Chicago provides ongoing support for America’s military. The club sponsors three independent philanthropic foundations: Union League Boys & Girls Clubs, which serve more than 15,000 youth annually at eight locations in Chicago and a residential summer camp in southern Wisconsin; Luminarts Cultural Foundation, which provides scholarships and grants in art, music, writing, performance, civic and academics for hundreds of young people; and the Chicago Engineers' Foundation, which grants incentive awards to engineering students.

For more information about the Union League Club of Chicago, please visit [www.ulcc.org](http://www.ulcc.org) and follow the ULCC on social media – Twitter: @ulcchicago; Instagram: @ulcchicago; Facebook: @ULCChicago.

### **Lincoln Forum**

Since its founding in 2017, The Lincoln Forum has emerged as one of Illinois’ most prominent public policy platforms. The forum was founded by former ILGOP Chairman Pat Brady, Democratic strategist Eric Adelstein and communications strategists Tracy Slutzkin and Hayley Burns.

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