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## **Rep. Brostoff Welcomes the Mexican Consulate to the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly District**

MILWAUKEE - Rep. Jonathan Brostoff (D-Milwaukee) welcomes the Mexican Consulate to the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and emphasizes the importance of access to the services the Consulate provides.

The Mexican Consulate in Milwaukee will provide a much-needed service to our community offering legal advice, passports, consular IDs, and voter registration cards. They hope in the future to also provide community outreach, health care advice, education resources, financial programming, and more. The Consulate can serve up to 150 people each day and will also run a monthly mobile service to other selected cities in Wisconsin.

“The increasing diversity in Milwaukee, and across the state, means our communities gain access to broader perspectives, culture, knowledge, and more. Milwaukee is reliant on immigration for population growth, and having the Consulate helps demonstrate that we are an immigrant-friendly community,” Brostoff stated. “I am proud that Milwaukee was chosen to house the Mexican Consulate and thrilled that our valued Mexican-American neighbors now have this resource in their backyard.”

Between 2000 and 2010, immigration accounted for 47% of Milwaukee’s population growth which filled gaps in the local workforce, created jobs, and contributed to our community. Mexico is Wisconsin’s second largest export market totaling almost \$3 billion annually and creating 120,000 jobs in Wisconsin. The Consulate promises to boost these economic ties.

“The Mexican Consulate in Milwaukee will have a tremendous positive impact on the state of Wisconsin. It is an honor to welcome it to the 19th Assembly District,” Brostoff concluded.

Representative Brostoff will attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Mexican Consulate on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.