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**TRPI PRESIDENT HARRY PACHON AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE FROM
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES**

June 14, 2004-, Los Angeles, CA.- Harry P. Pachon, president of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) and Professor of Public Policy at the University of Southern California, received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from California State University, Los Angeles, on June 12, 2004. Honoring his achievements in engaging underserved and immigrant communities in the American political process, Pachon was lauded for “shaping a direction for the Latino Community, developing future leaders, providing assistance and training to the nation’s elected and appointed officials, and conducting research on important issues.”

In academic and political spheres, Pachon successfully integrated naturalization into the public debate as a prime factor in the political participation of immigrant communities. Under his leadership, two Latino civic action and research organizations have achieved national prominence. While the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute is the nation’s foremost research institute on Latino issues, leading discussion on issues ranging from education, to immigration, to information technology, Pachon also guided The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund (NALEO) during its developmental years.

Current research at The Tomas Rivera Policy Institute includes a study of the Latino Vote, emerging Latino communities in the United States, and Latino educational issues. Founded in 1985, the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) conducts and disseminates objective, policy-relevant research and its implications to decision makers on key issues affecting Latino communities. For more information, or to set up an interview with Dr. Pachon, please call Josh Parr, TRPI Media Relations Coordinator, at 213-821-2161, or visit TRPI online at www.trpi.org.

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