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Settlements can offer more cultural familiarity than uncertainty of shelters

By Laura Rodríguez Presa | Chicago Tribune

Even after being offered a bed in a city-run shelter multiple times since getting to Chicago from Ecuador in September, Jean Carlo Bosquez refused to take it. Instead, the 25-year-old and his friends, two migrants from Venezuela, got a tent big enough for all of them, fortified it with wood sticks, wrapped it in tarp to protect it from the rain and cold, and put carpet on the ground. They also added a microwave and small fridge, making it their home outside of the Englewood District (7th) police station. Most mornings they would get up early and make coffee on a small electric stove they connected to an outlet outside the station. And other times, they would cook lunch and dinner on an old grill.

"Estábamos bien ahí. W e were doing fine there," Bosquez said on a recent December morning. "If it wasn’t for the cold, we wouldn’t mind living there all the time," he said.

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From Evergreen Park to Ariz. Senate candidate

Ruben Gallego rises from ‘hard time’ growing up to seek higher office

By Rick Pearson

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As Ruben Gallego retraced the daily walk he made a quarter century ago from the small first-floor walk-up apartment in Evergreen Park to the field next to the Near West District (7th) police station, he shared with his mother and sister the odd jobs he held to help the family make ends meet.

"I just remember it being the perfect day trip:

U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., visits his childhood home in South Chicago Beach in Evergreen Park on Nov. 22. Gallego is running to the junior senator from Arizona.

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He was dealt in May as the last alderman whose power extended to the era of Mayor Richard J. Daley’s glamorous Democratic machine.

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