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ABC 7 CHICAGO'S VIRGINIA MATOS PROMOTED TO DAYPART EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, ABC 7 EYEWITNESS NEWS

Virginia Matos was promoted to the position of daypart executive producer, overseeing ABC 7 Eyewitness News' linear newscasts at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., it was announced by Jennifer Graves, Vice President of News. The appointment is effective immediately.

"Virginia Matos is an ABC 7 success story," said Graves. "It's gratifying that someone who started here as an intern, worked hard and rose through the ranks is now leading the way in such an important role for our newsroom. Her energy and keen understanding of Chicago will continue to be wonderful assets for us."

Matos started at ABC 7 Chicago in 2000 as an intern and was quickly hired as a desk assistant while still studying at Columbia College. In 2002, she left Chicago for WTVO in Rockford, Illinois, to produce the 5 p.m. news there. Just two short years later, in 2004, Matos returned to WLS as a news writer/fill-in producer. In 2019, she took the reins of the 4:30 p.m. newscast.

As part of her new role as daypart executive producer, Matos will work to connect ABC 7's digital team with the station's newsgathering efforts.

Matos is a Chicago native, born and raised on Chicago's Northwest Side.

About ABC7/WLS-TV Chicago
ABC7/WLS-TV Chicago is the No. 1 local news source and most-watched television station in Chicago. With top-rated daily newscasts spanning decades and the largest social media presence in the market with more than 2.6 million Facebook followers, ABC7 Eyewitness News provides breaking news, investigative reporting, weather, politics, traffic and sports in the multiplatform space to Chicago, the suburbs and northwest Indiana. Named *Best News Operation* by the Associated Press for four consecutive years, ABC 7 Eyewitness News produces "Chicago Proud," a series of features that spotlights everyday heroes in and around Chicago. The station also produces the highest-rated New Year's Eve special in Chicago, holiday kickoff special "The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival," syndicated to a national audience, as well as the award-winning program series "Our Chicago," which showcases the city's diversity and highlights contributions in the Black, Hispanic, Asian, LGBTQ+ communities, among others. Every Friday, Windy City Weekend, entertains while giving Chicagoans everything they need to know about what's happening in the city. ABC 7 is the only Chicago station producing and broadcasting parades representing Chicago's rich cultural history. In addition to producing town halls focused on current social issues, the station has a long and proud tradition of broadcasting political candidate debates keeping Chicago's electorate informed. ABC7's outreach efforts include annual partnerships with the Red Cross for life-saving

blood drives, one of the biggest one-day drives in the country and, most recently, spearheading an effort to raise more than $1.5 million for area food pantries.

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