

NEW AMERICA MEDIA & THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
INVITE YOU TO AN ETHNIC MEDIA NEWS BRIEFING

# Spotting and Avoiding Scams in Our Communities

## WHEN:

Wednesday, June 24, 11 am to 1 pm  
(Light luncheon/ refreshments will be served)

## WHERE:

Columbia College Chicago, Room 101  
33 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60605

## WHO:

- Steven Baker, Director, Federal Trade Commission Midwest Region
- Jennifer Leach, Assistant Director, Federal Trade Commission Division of Consumer and Business Education
- Steve Bernas, President and CEO, Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois
- Maria Guerra Lapacek, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection
- Cecelia Abundis, Assistant Attorney General, Illinois Attorney General's Office
- Storytellers

## WHY:

Every year scammers defraud our communities of hundreds of millions of dollars by selling fake services and worthless products for everything from immigration, housing and health to debt collection, jobs and education. People are often too scared to report fraud when they have been victimized by it. Our briefing will bring together law enforcement officials, community advocates and consumers to talk about the types of fraud that are on the rise and what people can do to protect themselves and their neighbors.

This briefing is sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission, which protects consumers from fraud through law enforcement and education. The event is hosted by Columbia College Chicago.

## RSVP:

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Public parking lots are available on Wabash Ave. (between Congress Pkwy and Harrison St.)

