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Antonio Ledezma is a Venezuelan politician and lawyer specializing in public management, born in San Juan de los Morros, Guárico state. He served as Governor of Caracas from January 1992 to June 1993, Mayor of the Libertador Municipality from January 1996 to August 2000, and Metropolitan Mayor of Greater Caracas, a position he symbolically holds to this day. At age 23, he was a legislator for Guárico, and later a deputy and senator in Venezuela's National Congress until 1995. He also served as president of the National Association of Mayors of Venezuela.

Ledezma was a key democratic leader, alongside Carlos Andrés Pérez, in confronting the military coups of February 4 and November 27, 1992, as Governor of the Federal District of Caracas. He gained national and international recognition for defeating Chavismo in Caracas elections, defeating the revolution's prominent ministers Aristóbulo Isturiz in 2009 and Ernesto Villegas in 2013. He staged a hunger strike at the OAS headquarters to protest decentralization abuses and defend Venezuelan workers and voters, and he founded the La Salida Movement. Ledezma signed a public document proposing "La Transición para Venezuela," leading to his imprisonment for over 1,000 days until his escape on November 16, 2017, after which he has remained in exile.

A member of Acción Democrática party, he now leads Alianza Bravo Pueblo, a political organization he founded in 2000. He is a frequent contributor to digital portals and author of several books, including *Palabra de Honor*, *¿De Dónde Venimos y Hacia Dónde Vamos?*, *La Tumba*, *CAP: El Presidente que Murió Dos Veces*, and *Venezuela, Política y Ambiente*. He currently directs the Observatorio Geopolítico de América Latina (OGAL).

Distinctions and Awards:

- Sakharov Prize, European Parliament, 2018.
- Cortes de Cádiz Prize, Spain, 2017.
- Medal of Honor, Congress of the Republic of Peru, 2018.
- National Order of the Southern Cross, Brazil, 2018.
- Oswaldo Payá Honor Mention.
- Irpino Prize, Italy, 2018.
- Defense of Human Rights in Venezuela Award, U.S. Congress.
- Human Rights and Democracy Award, Geneva.
- Democracy Defender Award, National Endowment for Democracy, 2015.
- Recognitions from the mayors of Madrid, Lima, Buenos Aires, Quito, Chile, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Bogotá, Miami, Grottaminarda, Guayaquil, and others

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