NALEO Educational Fund Applauds Ruling to Block
Addition of Citizenship Question to Census 2020

Decision to prevent Trump Administration from adding untested citizenship question came from
Judge Jesse Furman of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
(NALEO) Educational Fund today released a statement from its CEO Arturo Vargas in response
to today’s ruling from U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman ordering the Trump Administration to
remove the citizenship question from the 2020 Census:

“The ruling from U.S. District Court Judge Jesse Furman confirms what we have known for
some time—that Secretary Ross ‘decided to add the citizenship question for reasons entirely
unrelated to VRA enforcement’ and ‘failed to disclose his true rationale’. The evidence
presented in both cases left no doubt that political motivations were the driving force behind
the addition of an untested question on citizenship to Census 2020.

“Given the importance of Census 2020 in distributing billions of dollars in federal funding and
the allocation of political power to communities across the country for the next 10 years, we
cannot afford to have millions of Latinos and other Americans missed in the nation’s decennial
count. A failed count of the nation’s second largest population group would mean a failed
Census 2020 for the country.

“While today’s ruling was an important legal victory, we know this issue may be far from settled
in the courts. The clock is ticking. It is time for Congress to act and provide the U.S. Census
Bureau with the clarity it needs to execute the 2020 Census by removing the citizenship
question once and for all.”

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation’s leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that
facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to
public service.