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Record Number of Latinos Sworn in to 116th Congress

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Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released its analysis of Latino representation in the 116th Congress. The full [roster](#) of Latinos that will serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate is available [here](#).

Following Election 2018, the 116th Congress will feature the [largest class](#) of Latinos in history. The U.S. House of Representatives will feature four more Latino members than in the 115th Congress, increasing from 34 to 38. In Congress' upper chamber, four Latinos will continue to serve in the U.S. Senate.

"We are happy to welcome the largest congressional class of Latinos in history into the NALEO family today," stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund chief executive officer. "This historic incoming Congress, with more Latinos, African Americans and women representatives than ever before, has an opportunity to build a new generation of diverse government leadership. We look forward to working with these new members to help advance the Latino community's top priorities, including efforts to ensure a fair and accurate 2020 Census."

Key Findings from NALEO Educational Fund's analysis of the 116th Congress include:

- **Latinos in the U.S. Senate Post-Election 2018:**
 - The number of Latinos serving in the U.S. Senate will remain at four. Both incumbent U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Robert Menendez (D-NJ) won their re-election bids. They will return to join current Latino U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) in Congress' upper chamber.
- **Latinos in U.S. House of Representatives Post-Election 2018:**
 - **Class:** The number of Latinos serving in the U.S. House of Representatives will reach a historic high, increasing from 34 to 38.
 - **Party Breakdown:** In the 116th Congress, 33 Democrats and five Republicans will serve as U.S. Representatives (up from 27 Democrats and seven Republicans).
 - **Gender:** The number of Latinas serving in the U.S. House of Representatives will increase by three (25 Males and 12 Females) from the previous Congress (25

- Males and nine Females). U.S. Representatives Sylvia R. Garcia and Veronica Escobar will be the first two Latinas to represent Texas in Congress.
- **New Faces:** There will be 10 new faces in the U.S. House of Representatives post-Election 2018, including five new Latinas:
 - CA-39: Gil Cisneros (D)
 - CA-49: Mike Levin (D)
 - FL-26: Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D) – the first Ecuadorian-American elected to Congress
 - IL-4: Jesus 'Chuy' Garcia (D)
 - NM-2: Xochitl Torres Small (D) – the first women elected to represent the district
 - NY-14: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D) – youngest person elected to Congress
 - NY-19: Antonio Delgado (D)
 - OH-16: Anthony Gonzalez (R) – first Latino Member of the House from Ohio
 - TX-16: Veronica Escobar (D) – one of first two Latinas in House from Texas
 - TX-29: Sylvia Garcia (D) – Former NALEO President and one of first two Latinas in House from Texas

Vargas went on to say, "Latinos continue to demonstrate their ability to successfully run for office across all fifty states, winning bids in areas with both Latino population centers and without. There is no such thing as a Latino or non-Latino district anymore, with the incoming class of Latino Members of Congress set to represent a diverse coalition of Americans in the 116th Congress."

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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.