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## **Secretary Julián Castro to Join Nation's Latino Leaders at NALEO Presidential Candidate Forum at Telemundo Center in Miami**

*Taking place June 21 as part of the NALEO's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, the Forum will provide Castro with an opportunity to address the nation's largest gathering of Latino policymakers*

**Washington, D.C.** – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today announced that Presidential Candidate and Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Julián Castro will address the nation's largest gathering of Latino policymakers during the NALEO Presidential Candidate Forum on Friday, June 21, 2019 in Miami.

NALEO Educational Fund is hosting the presidential candidate forum in partnership with Presenting Sponsor Comcast NBCUniversal Telemundo as part of this year's NALEO 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (June 20-22, 2019). Taking place on June 21 at Telemundo Center headquarters in Miami, the Forum will offer candidates seeking the support of the nation's fastest growing population of new voters a unique opportunity to engage Latino leadership on the issues that matter most to the Latino community.

Secretary Castro served as the 16th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under President Barack Obama from 2014-2017. Before serving in the Cabinet, he was the Mayor of his native San Antonio, Texas — the youngest mayor of a Top 50 American city at the time.

"We are looking forward to having Secretary Castro join us next month as we gather Latino leaders in the Sunshine State for the nation's Latino political convention," stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO CEO. "With the upcoming primaries and caucuses only months away, we know excitement is building and that Election 2020 is shaping up to be another one for the record books. Our polling shows that Latino registered voters are eager to vote in the upcoming presidential election."

A recent poll by [NALEO Educational Fund and Latino Decisions](#) found that Latinos are following Election 2020 closely. More than eight in ten (84 percent) Latino voters reported being likely or certain to vote in November 2020. Findings showed that

Secretary Castro is one of only four presidential candidates to hold at least a 45 percent favorability rating among Latino registered voters at this point in the campaign.

The NALEO 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is a unique source of professional development trainings tailored for elected and appointed officials. Conference attendees will have an opportunity to enhance their governance skills and engage our nation's top executive and legislative leaders during the three-day event. Past participants have included U.S. Presidents, U.S. Vice Presidents, Cabinet members, leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, presidential candidates, and business leaders.

For more information about the NALEO 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, please visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

**Who:**

Presidential Candidate and Former U.S. HUD Secretary Julián Castro  
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)

**What:**

NALEO 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Presidential Candidate Forum

**When:**

9-11 a.m. ET  
Friday, June 21, 2019

**Where:**

Telemundo Center  
1 Telemundo Way  
Miami, FL 33182

**Media:**

This event is open to media. Space is limited. Advance registration is required.

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**About NALEO**

*The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,700 Latino elected and appointed officials.*