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### **Newly Elected Latino Officials to Join NALEO for Training Bootcamp in Nation's Capital**

*More than 70 Latino newly elected officials to attend national institute aimed at equipping policymakers with the skills and information needed to succeed in public office*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today announced that it will convene more than 70 Latinos for the *NALEO 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Institute for Newly Elected Officials* from November 17-20, 2016. The three-and-half day event will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD.

The *National Institute for Newly Elected Officials* is the preeminent professional development program available to new Latino policymakers. At the convening this week, NALEO Educational Fund will give participants the opportunity to successfully launch their careers in public office by equipping them with the necessary governance and leadership skills to become an effective policymaker on behalf of their constituents.

“We witnessed the ushering in of the next generation of Latino leaders on Election Night, with Latino candidates demonstrating their ability to win contests at all levels of office from coast to coast,” stated Arturo Vargas, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund executive director. “We are proud to welcome these Latino newly elected officials into the NALEO family and look forward to providing them with the support and professional skills development needed to be effective leaders and advocates for their communities and the nation.”

Participants from 17 states and varying levels of office will join NALEO Educational Fund for this timely [event](#), including newly elected officials from Arizona (7), California (17), Colorado (6), Connecticut (2), Florida (3), Georgia (1), Illinois (1), Iowa (1), Massachusetts (5), Nebraska (1), New Jersey (1), New Mexico (6), Rhode Island (2), Texas (15), Utah (1), Virginia (1) and Washington (1).

The [curriculum](#) will provide training on how to get started in public office, the policymaking process, budgets, effective messaging and communications, use of social media, ethics, and how to work with the press. Newly elected officials will also benefit from interacting with seasoned

policymakers, networking with colleagues from across the country, and hearing from leading experts that serve as the *Institute's* faculty.

Latino candidates had historic success in Election 2016, with the coming year to mark the largest class to date for Latinos in [Congress](#), [statewide office](#) and [state legislatures](#). The U.S. House of Representatives will feature five more Latino members following Election 2016 than in the 114th Congress, increasing from [29 to 34](#). The new class of Latino U.S. Representatives will join [four members](#) of the U.S. Senate in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, including Catherine Cortez Masto who was elected as the nation's first Latina U.S. Senator. Latinos serving at the state legislative level also increased, growing from [307 to 321](#) Latinos in office.

This [event](#) is made possible through the generous support of Title Sponsors, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and State Farm<sup>®</sup>. A full schedule and agenda is available at [www.naleo.org/newly2016](http://www.naleo.org/newly2016).

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*The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,100 Latino elected and appointed officials.*