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NALEO Educational Fund Announces Election of Treasurer and Board Members

*Rick R. Olivarez elected to serve as treasurer of the board;
Bonnie Garcia elected to serve as a board member for an initial three-year term*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today announced the election of a treasurer and one new member to serve on the organization's 15-member board.

Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP partner and current NALEO Educational Fund board member, Rick R. Olivarez, was elected to serve a three-year term as treasurer of the board during a meeting held in Los Angeles, California on November 17, 2017. State Farm Counsel and current NALEO Educational Fund secretary Michelle Mancias was also elected to serve a second three-year term on the board of directors.

In addition, former California State Assemblymember Bonnie Garcia was elected to serve an initial three-year term on the NALEO Educational Fund board of directors. Garcia currently works as the National Director of Legislative Services for ecoATM-Gazelle, where she provides strategic planning, public policy analysis and direct advocacy before regulatory bodies.

"The coming three years offer our organization an extraordinary opportunity to ensure that Latinos make their voices heard in Election 2018 and Census 2020," stated NALEO Educational chair and City of West Hollywood mayor pro tem John Duran. "We are extremely fortunate to benefit from Rick Olivarez's leadership in his new role and look forward to working with Michelle Mancias, Bonnie Garcia and the rest of the members of the NALEO Educational Fund board to ensure that the policy priorities of Latinos are front and center moving forward."

Two members of the NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors completed their service on the board at this meeting, Edison International/Southern California Edison senior vice president of government affairs and current board treasurer Gaddi Vasquez and Genius Plaza chief mission officer Monica Talan.

Duran went on to state, "We also want to extend our sincerest thanks to Gaddi Vasquez and Monica Talan for their deep commitment to furthering our organization's mission through their many years of service on the NALEO Educational Fund board of directors. Their tireless leadership and strong dedication to the organization and Latino community is greatly appreciated."

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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.