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NALEO Offers to Work with President-Elect Trump to Ensure Latino Representation in Next Administration

Leadership organization extends congratulations on victory and offers to collaborate with transition team to make sure skilled Latino candidates are considered for appointment positions

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today announced that it has issued a [letter](#) of congratulations to President-elect Donald Trump with an [invitation](#) for him and his transition team to meet in the coming weeks and months to discuss efforts to ensure that skilled and qualified Latino candidates are considered for posts at every level within his administration.

“The American people have spoken, and it is time for us to get to work to ensure the nation’s next President has the staff, resources and information needed to succeed in the White House,” stated Arturo Vargas, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) executive director. “We stand ready to collaborate with President-elect Trump and his transition team to ensure that the many hard-working Latinos who want to put their skills and talents to work on behalf of the nation are able to do so in the next Administration. While we may not agree on every policy position or proposal over the next four years, we know there are areas of common ground that can be forged with the President-elect that will allow us to work together to move the Latino community and nation forward.”

In the [letter](#), which was sent late last week, NALEO offered its assistance and support to the President-elect and his staff as they work to build an inclusive administration that is truly representative of the nation’s population. More than 4,000 federal appointments will need to be made in the next Administration, allowing President-elect Trump abundant opportunities to tap into the extensive expertise and depth of talent that exists within the nation’s Latino community.

To help ensure there is Latino representation in the next Administration, NALEO will also release an appointments primer that will provide guidance and information to Latino candidates interested in pursuing a federal appointment position. The primer is expected to be released in December 2016.

NALEO has also extended an invitation to President-elect Trump to address the largest gathering of Latino elected and appointed officials in the United States, at the NALEO 34th Annual Conference, which will be held in Dallas, Texas from June 22- 24, 2017.

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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 6,100 Latino elected and appointed officials.