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NALEO Educational Fund Bilingual Hotline Assists Nearly 110,000 Latino Voters in Lead Up to Election Day

Voter protection and information hotline will be operated out of NALEO Educational Fund's Los Angeles headquarters and 18 remote call centers nationwide on Election Day

Get-out-the-vote door knocking and phone canvassing is also underway in eight states, with more than 270,000 calls already placed to Latino voters in advance of November 8

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In the lead up to Election Day, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund announced that the organization has helped hundreds of thousands of Latino voters nationwide through the organization's national bilingual **1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (1-888-839-8682) hotline**.

Nearly 110,000 unique calls have come into the hotline since the beginning of the year, allowing NALEO Educational Fund hotline operators to help thousands of Latino voters register to vote and provide answers to questions relating to the upcoming election.

On Election Day, nearly 400 staff and volunteers will be on hand to operate the **toll-free VE-Y-VOTA hotline** from 4 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. PDT (4 a.m. – midnight PDT on Election Eve) at the NALEO Educational Fund headquarters in Los Angeles and 18 remote call centers nationwide. The hotline will also be connected to Election Protection efforts and 1-866-OUR-VOTE on November 7 and 8, offering Latino voters in all fifty-states a bilingual resource to get information and report any problems they may experience at the polls this year.

“The strong showing of Latinos during early voting shows how seriously our community is taking this election,” stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund executive director. “Latinos know the stakes are high in Election 2016, and we will not be sitting idly by while others make the decisions that will affect our community for the next four years. History is already in progress, and NALEO Educational Fund is here to make sure Latinos make their stamp on the outcome of the race for the White House and other competitive contests nationwide.”

To ensure the VE-Y-VOTA hotline is able to assist as many Latino voters as possible this year, NALEO Educational Fund has partnered with several leading national and local Latino organizations. These partners include [Center for Latino Progress \(CT\)](#), [Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School \(DC\)](#), [CEIBA \(PA\)](#), [Common Cause \(CO\)](#), [Davis Polk &](#)

Wardwell (NY), El Centro de Servicios Sociales (OH), El Pueblo (NC), LULAC (DC), Mi Familia Vota (FL), Ohio Latino Affairs Commission (OH) and TODEC (CA).

Vargas went on to say, “NALEO Educational Fund is deeply appreciative of our partnerships with other Latino organizations who are working tirelessly to mobilize Latinos in 2016. Without their help and expertise, it would be nearly impossible for us to meet the needs of a rapidly growing and motivated Latino electorate this year. Through our collaborative efforts, we are ensuring that Latino voters across the country can get the help and information needed to make their voices heard at the ballot box.”

In the lead up to November 8, NALEO Educational Fund has been hard at work mobilizing Latino voters through our extensive get-out-the vote operation. To date, the organization has knocked on thousands of doors and made calls to more than 270,000 Latino voters in eight states (AZ, CA, FL, NC, NV, NY and NJ) across the country.

The Latino electorate is expected to play a decisive role in the race for the White House in 2016, with more than 13.1 million Latino voters expected to cast ballots on Election Day. Issues at the polls continue to be a concern for the Latino electorate, with a recent NALEO Educational Fund and Latino Decisions poll showing that [42 percent](#) of Latino voters have experienced at least one issue casting a ballot in a previous election.

To further ensure Latino voters are able to cast ballots free from intimidation, NALEO Educational Fund has [asked](#) the Department of Justice to deploy poll monitors and resources to targeted jurisdictions this election. More information can be found in NALEO Educational Fund’s [letter](#) to the Department of Justice [here](#).

Media spokespersons will be available on Election Day in Houston, Los Angeles, New York City, Orlando and Washington D.C.

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.