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NALEO Educational Fund Announces Election of New Chair and Board Members

*City of West Hollywood Councilmember John Duran elected to serve as chair of the board
for a three-year term*

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

West Hollywood Councilmember John Duran, a current member of the NALEO Educational Fund board of directors, was elected to serve a three-year term as chair of the board during a meeting held in Los Angeles, California on December 16, 2016.

In addition, Univision Communications Inc. (UCI) Executive Vice President of Government and Corporate Affairs Jessica Herrera-Flanigan and Parking Company of America (PCA) Executive Vice President and Director of New Business Development Joseph “Pep” Valdes were elected to serve initial three-year terms on the NALEO Educational Fund board of directors.

Current NALEO Educational Fund board member and Florida State Senator Rene Garcia was also elected to serve a second and final three-year term on the NALEO Educational Fund board of directors during last week’s meeting.

“The coming months offer our organization an extraordinary opportunity to ensure talented and qualified Latinos who want to put their skills to work on behalf of the country are able to do so in the next administration,” stated NALEO Educational Fund outgoing chair and newly elected NALEO President and Dallas County Treasurer Pauline Medrano. “We are extremely fortunate to benefit from Councilmember John Duran’s leadership during this critical time and look forward to working with him and the new members of the NALEO Educational Fund board to ensure that the policy priorities of Latinos are front and center in 2017 and beyond.”

The new members will replace Mike Fernandez, former New York Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez and former U.S. Representative Pete Gallego.

Medrano went on to state, “We also extend our sincerest appreciation to Mike Fernandez, Secretary Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez and Congressman Pete Gallego for their unwavering

commitment to furthering our organization's mission through their years of service on the NALEO Educational Fund board of directors. Their leadership and strong dedication to the organization and Latino community has been extraordinarily valuable.”

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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.