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New Jersey Latino Task Force Applauds Governor-Elect Phil Murphy for Nomination of Top Level Latinos to Cabinet

Coalition extends its congratulations to candidates and calls for appointment of other qualified and skilled Latinos to top level posts

Trenton, N.J. – The Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (HBA-NJ), the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (SHCCNJ) today issued a statement following the nomination of Latinos to top level posts in Governor-elect Phil Murphy's administration this week:

"We congratulate State Assemblywoman Marlene Caride and Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti for their nominations to serve as Commissioners of the Department of Banking and Insurance and Department of Transportation.

"If confirmed by the New Jersey Senate, both Caride and Gutierrez-Scaccetti would help ensure that there are Latino voices at the table when Governor-elect Phil Murphy convenes his senior advisors to make decisions on behalf of Latinos and all New Jerseyans.

"We applaud the Governor-elect for nominating these two accomplished Latinas to serve in his cabinet, and look forward to working with him and Gubernatorial Transition Committee head Jose Lozano to ensure that other qualified Latino candidates are able to put their skills and expertise to work serving in the highest levels of the New Jersey state government."

The NJ Latino Task Force is a volunteer driven collaborative made up of the leadership from each of the member organizations, HBA-NJ, NALEO Educational Fund and SHCCNJ, and is not affiliated with any specific campaign. The mission of the NJ Latino Task Force is to increase the number of Latinos serving in appointed positions within the new Governor's administration.

For more information on the NJ Latino Task Force or to submit a resume, please email NJTaskforce@naleo.org.

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About The Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (HBA-NJ)

Founded in 1980, the HBA-NJ is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit association that is comprised of attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and other professionals who share a common

interest in addressing the issues affecting Hispanics within the legal community. The purpose of the Association is to serve the public interest: (i) by cultivating the art and science of jurisprudence, (ii) by advancing the standing of the legal profession, and (iii) by preserving high standards of integrity, honor, and professional courtesy among Hispanic lawyers.

About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit, non-partisan organization that facilitates full Latino participation in the American political process, from citizenship to public service. For more information about NALEO Educational Fund please visit www.naleo.org.

About The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (SHCCNJ)

SNCCNJ was founded in 1989 when Business leaders met with Governor Tom Kean and were encouraged to start a Chamber to foster, mentor and train Hispanic Owned business in New Jersey. Over the years, various publications have ranked our chamber among the largest in the state. As a not-for-profit organization for over 27 years, SHCCNJ has become the voice of the 119,000 Hispanic-Owned Businesses that contributes over \$20 Billion to the State's economy. The Chamber is the premier vehicle to access the Latino community and its formidable purchasing power, as evidenced by our growth of non-Hispanic membership reaching 45 percent.