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NALEO Educational Fund Announces Election of New Board Member

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company Counsel Michelle Mancias will join the 15-member board of the NALEO Educational Fund for a three-year term

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund announced the election of Michelle Mancias to the organization's 15-member board. Mancias was elected to serve an initial three-year term at the NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors meeting on November 21, 2014 in Washington, D.C.

Mancias, who currently serves as counsel within the Office of the Corporate Secretary at State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, will fill the seat previously held by Walmart Director of Corporate Affairs Jose "Pepe" Estrada.

Mancias presently consults on corporate law, and formerly served as counsel in the legislative and regulatory affairs unit of the State Farm Corporate Law Department. Prior to joining State Farm, Mancias worked as a staff attorney representing indigent clients at Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., as well as an international trade attorney at the Chicago-based law firm Sonnenberg & Anderson.

Other board members re-elected to serve a second and final three-year term on the board include NALEO Educational Fund Treasurer and Edison International and Southern California Edison (SCE) Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Gaddi Vasquez; and Univision Communications Inc. Corporate Communications and Public Relations Executive Vice President Monica Talan. NALEO Educational Fund Chair and Dallas County Treasurer-elect Pauline Medrano was also re-elected to serve an additional two-year term on the board.

"The next three years offer our organization an extraordinary opportunity to make comprehensive immigration reform a reality and ensure the Latino community is prepared for Election 2016," stated NALEO Educational Fund Chair Pauline Medrano. "We are proud to have these talented and committed individuals as part of the organization's leadership and look forward to working with them and the rest of the board to assure that the policy priorities of Latinos are fully addressed."

Medrano went on to state, "We also want to extend our sincerest thanks to Jose "Pepe" Estrada of Walmart for his years of service on the NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors. His

leadership and unwavering dedication to the organization and the Latino community is greatly appreciated.”

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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.