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Xavier Becerra Confirmed as California Attorney General

The first Latino to hold this office, U.S. Rep. Becerra previously served in Congress for 24 years

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) released a statement from Executive Director Arturo Vargas regarding the California State Senate’s confirmation of Xavier Becerra to serve as the state’s Attorney General:

“We congratulate Xavier Becerra for making history as the first Latino to serve as California’s attorney general. As the state’s top attorney, we know Attorney General Becerra will set the gold standard for defending the values of the Golden State and fighting for the rights of Latinos and all Californians.

“The state of California is extremely fortunate to have a devoted and fierce advocate on its side as critical issues for the nation and state are set to come to the forefront in the coming months. We applaud Governor Jerry Brown for appointing such a talented and qualified individual to this critical post and look forward to continuing to work with Attorney General Becerra in this new role.”

Attorney General Xavier Becerra is a past member of the NALEO Board of Directors. In 2015, the organization awarded him the prestigious Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service in recognition of his exemplary service to the nation and the Latino community.

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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.