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## **NALEO Congratulates Alexander Acosta on Nomination to be U.S. Secretary of Labor**

*If confirmed, Acosta would be the first Latino member of President Trump's cabinet*

**Washington, D.C.** – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) released a statement from Executive Director Arturo Vargas regarding the nomination of Alexander Acosta as U.S. Secretary of Labor:

“We congratulate Alexander Acosta on his nomination as U.S. Secretary of Labor. Acosta is an accomplished public servant whose dedication to the Latino community and nation has been demonstrated through his years of service in three presidentially-appointed, senate-confirmed positions.

“A current Dean at the Florida International University School of Law, Acosta previously made history as the first Latino Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice, where he led the Civil Rights Division under President George W. Bush. He is also a former member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), an independent federal agency responsible for administering and interpreting the National Labor Relations Act, the principal private-sector national statute regulating labor relations.

“If confirmed, Acosta would ensure there is a Latino voice at the table when President Donald Trump convenes his senior advisors in the Cabinet Room to make decisions on behalf of the country.

“We applaud Acosta on his nomination as U.S. Secretary of Labor, and look forward to working with him and other Latino qualified candidates who want to put their skills to work for the good of the nation in the thousands of appointment positions that still need to be filled in the coming days and weeks.”

*NALEO Educational Fund released a 2017 Presidential Appointments Primer that provides guidance to Latino candidates interested in serving in the Trump administration. The document is available for download [here](#).*

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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.*