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### **NALEO Educational Fund Expands Policy Staff in Nation's Capital**

*Angela M. Manso and Noel Perez join the Washington, D.C. office as the organization ramps up its efforts around voting rights, congressional staff diversity and Census 2020*

**Washington, D.C.** – National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today announced the addition of two key staff members, Angela M. Manso and Noel Perez.

Angela M. Manso joins the Washington, D.C. office as NALEO Educational Fund's director of policy and legislative affairs. A seasoned advocate with extensive Executive Branch and Capitol Hill experience, Manso will serve as the organization's primary representative and chief policy advocate in our nation's capital. In this capacity, she will work to pro-actively create and set the direction of critical policy initiatives relating to issues affecting Latino access to the political process.

Manso previously served as the Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and the Chief of the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Census Bureau. During her tenure at the Bureau, she developed key strategies to execute the legislative agenda for the largest U.S. federal statistical agency and advised senior leadership on strategic engagement with the congress, state, local and tribal governments, intergovernmental organizations and external advocacy groups. Prior to serving in the Obama Administration, Manso worked for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer and former U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez.

"We are thrilled to have Angela Manso and Noel Perez join the staff of our Washington D.C. office," stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund executive director. "As we work to increase diversity on the hill and tackle key issues in advance of Election 2018 and Census 2020, their expertise and wealth of knowledge will prove invaluable in our efforts to increase Latino participation in the political process."

Noel Perez joins the organization after serving as the Adviser for Member Services and Outreach for the House Democratic Caucus, and as legislative aide for former U.S. Rep. and current California Attorney General Xavier Becerra. In his role as Policy and Program Manager, he will lead NALEO Educational Fund's efforts to increase diversity on the hill through the [Staff Up Congress](#) initiative.

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**About NALEO Educational Fund**

*NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit, non-partisan organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*