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NALEO Applauds Senate Confirmation of Alexander Acosta as U.S. Secretary of Labor

Acosta to 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 confirmation of Alexander Acosta as U.S. Secretary of Labor:

“We applaud the U.S. Senate for confirming Alexander Acosta to serve as the next 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.

“We congratulate Acosta on being the first Latino to be confirmed for a cabinet position in the President’s administration. His appointment ensures that 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 look forward to working with Acosta in this new position. Our organization stands ready to work side-by-side with the President to identify other qualified Latino candidates with the unique talent and expertise required to serve the nation through the hundreds 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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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.