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NALEO Congratulations Julian Castro on Confirmation to Serve as U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Castro will be the third Latino to hold a cabinet position in President Obama's second term

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today commended the confirmation of Julian Castro to serve as the next U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development:

“We congratulate San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro on his confirmation to serve as the nation’s next Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and third Latino member of the President’s second-term cabinet. A third-term mayor of the nation’s seventh largest city, Castro will bring bold leadership and a wealth of economic expansion and community development experience to this critical position.

“During his three terms in office, Mayor Castro implemented groundbreaking initiatives to attract higher paying 21st century jobs and spur urban core revitalization within the City of San Antonio. As part of these efforts, Mayor Castro has worked to attract businesses and residents back to the city’s center through a campaign known as the “Decade of Downtown”. Two years after Mayor Castro launched the initiative, more than 2,400 housing units representing a total investment of \$349.8 million have been slated for construction by the end of 2014 in San Antonio's center city.

“A rising star within the nation’s deep bench of talented Latino elected officials on both sides of the aisle, Mayor Castro has built an extraordinary record of accomplishment in the five short years he has led the City of San Antonio. Under his leadership, the City of San Antonio was named one of seven “enterprising cities” in America by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for its success in building a culture of business (2013), as well as the honor of being one of only five cities nationwide to receive a federal Promise Zone grant to help spark community revitalization in the area.

“As the nation’s next HUD Secretary, Mayor Castro will bring his ‘can do’ attitude and visionary leadership to Washington D.C. for the benefit of the President and all Americans. Our organization stands ready to work side-by-side with Mayor Castro in this new position on issues of importance to the Latino community and to identify other qualified Latino candidates with the unique talent and expertise required to serve the nation at all levels of the Administration.”

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The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.