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Nation's Latino Leadership to Work on Post-SB 4 Plan of Action at NALEO 34th Annual Conference in Dallas

Nearly 1,000 Latino leaders will gather for the three-day event, which will feature a show of unity, special SB 4 panel and working groups for policymakers to strategize on next steps

Washington, D.C. – Less than seven weeks after Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed SB 4 into law, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund will convene the nation's largest gathering of Latino policymakers in Dallas during the group's 34th Annual Conference.

During the three-day event, which will take place June 22-24, 2017, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Texas lawmakers and their colleagues from across the country will participate in a special SB 4 plenary and working groups on Saturday, June 24, 2017, which will allow participants to join forces on a plan of action for how best to protect and support the immigrant community in the current political climate.

As part of the special "Supporting the Lone Star State Post SB 4: How Latino Leaders Can Unite to Combat Anti-Immigrant Laws and Practices" plenary, Latino leaders will hear experts discuss how communities are responding to this legislation and how lessons learned from California's Proposition 187 and Arizona's SB 1070 can be applied to best support the immigrant community today and to mobilize toward increased civic participation.

Speakers for the SB 4 plenary include: Texas State Representative and Mexican American Legislative Caucus Chairman **Rafael Anchia**, Harris County Sheriff **Ed Gonzalez**, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund Vice President of Litigation **Nina Perales**, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo Partner **Gabriel Sandoval**, and University of Texas at Austin Professor **Dr. Victoria M. DeFrancesco Soto**.

Three breakout sessions will allow Latino policymakers and leaders to focus on next steps, with discussions on the policy and legal tools available to support immigrants, strategies to ensure community members know their rights, and the effects boycotts and other measures can have on state and local economies to take place among colleagues from across the country.

Influential Latino leaders from throughout Texas will join NALEO for this timely event, with several Lone Star State elected officials slated to participate in a show of unity and make remarks to the nearly 1,000 expected conference participants during a leadership luncheon on Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Notable speakers from the state include: NALEO President and Dallas County Treasurer **Pauline Medrano**, Texas State Representative and Mexican American Legislative Caucus Chairman **Rafael Anchia**, Texas State Senator and Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus Chair **Sylvia R. Garcia**, Texas State Representative **Cesar Blanco**, Texas State Representative **Armando Walle**, Harris County Sherriff **Ed Gonzalez**, Dallas County Sheriff **Lupe Valdez**, Dallas County Commissioner **Elba Garcia**, and others.

The [NALEO 34th Annual Conference](http://www.naleo.org/dallas2017) is made possible through the generous support of our Presenting Sponsor Toyota. For more information or to view the current agenda, visit: www.naleo.org/dallas2017.

What:

NALEO 34th Annual Conference

Where:

Sheraton Dallas Hotel

400 N Olive St

Dallas, TX 75201

When:

Leadership Luncheon – Show of Unity and Remarks from Texas Leaders

Thursday, June 22, 2017

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CT

Lone Star Ballroom, Conference Center, 2nd Floor

Plenary - Supporting the Lone Star State Post SB 4: How Latino Leaders Can Unite to Combat Anti-Immigrant Laws and Practices

Saturday, June 24, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CT

Working Group Session #1 - A Plan of Action: Policy and Legal Tools Latino Leaders Can Use to Help Immigrants in their Communities

Saturday, June 24, 2017

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CT

Lone Star A4, Conference Center, 2nd Floor

Working Group Session #2 - Know Your Rights: Harnessing the Power of Community Education to Support Immigrants Nationwide

Saturday, June 24, 2017

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CT

Lone Star A3, Conference Center, 2nd Floor

Working Group Session #3 - Lost Sense, Lost Cents: Examining the Economic Impact of Anti-Immigrant Policies at the Local and State Level

Saturday, June 24, 2017

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CT

Lone Star A2, Conference Center, 2nd Floor

Media Registration:

Space is limited. Advance registration for media is required.

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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.