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### **Thomas Perez, John King and Julian Castro to Address Nation's Latino Leadership at NALEO Annual Conference in Washington D.C.**

*Univision Anchor Maria Elena Salinas, Washington Post Reporter Ed O'Keefe, Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti and Former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros Among Other Notable Speakers*

**Washington, D.C.** – Less than five months before the Latino electorate is expected to play a decisive role in the outcome of Election 2016, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) will assemble the largest gathering of Latino policymakers in the country for the [NALEO 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. A full schedule and speaker line-up is available [here](#).

The three-day event, which is expected to draw more than 1,000 Latino elected officials and national leaders, will be held from June 23-25, 2016 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. As part of the [Annual Conference](#), U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez (Thursday, June 23) and U.S. Secretary of Education John King (Friday, June 24) will address the NALEO 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. The Honorable Julian Castro, recipient of the Mexican Government's *Premio Ohtli* Award, will also join participants and provide remarks during the [NALEO 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Celebration](#) (Thursday, June 23). Other highlights include:

- **The Race for the White House (Thursday, June 23):** A special Election 2016 plenary will feature a presentation on the critical role Latino voters are expected to play in the race for the White House, as well as a panel discussion with Univision Anchor Maria Elena Salinas, Washington Post Reporter Ed O'Keefe, and Florida International University Associate Professor Dr. Dario Moreno.
- **Latinos and the World (Friday, June 24):** This year's conference will include a unique discussion (Friday, June 24) with Ambassador of Mexico Carlos M. Sada, Ambassador of Canada David MacNaughton, and Embassy of Israel Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Reuven Azar, on the difference Latinos are making on the global stage.
- **The Orlando Massacre—What Comes Next (Thursday and Friday, June 23-24):** Two of the sessions [next](#) week will focus on issues related to the terrorist attack that struck the LGBTQ and Latino community in Orlando. A session for elected officials grappling with providing mental health services to vulnerable communities at a time of

budget setbacks will take place on Thursday, June 23. In addition, the conference will tackle the issue of gun policy head on with a timely conversation with representatives from Coconino County (AZ), the City of Coachella, Violence Policy Center and Duke University.

The presumptive presidential nominees, Hillary Clinton, Gary Johnson and Donald Trump, were also all invited to join our nation's Latino leadership at this year's Annual Conference. Previous conferences have featured President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary Hillary Clinton, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, U.S. Senator John McCain, Governor Mitt Romney, Governor Jeb Bush, Dr. Ben Carson and others.

The NALEO conference has emerged as the preeminent forum for our nation's leadership to engage Latino officials and the millions of constituents NALEO members represent. Other notable speakers include Former U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, U.S. Representative Tony Cardenas, NALEO President and City of Santa Ana Councilmember Michele Martinez, and NALEO Educational Fund Chair and Dallas County Treasurer Pauline Medrano.

The [NALEO 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference](#) is made possible through the generous support of Presenting Sponsor, Toyota. This event is open to press.

**What:** NALEO 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

**Who:** NALEO, the leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,100 Latino elected and appointed officials.

**When:** June 23-25, 2016

**Where:** Omni Shoreham Hotel  
2500 Calvert St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20008

**Media:** Advance registration for media is required. To register, contact Amanda Bosquez ([abosquez@naleo.org](mailto:abosquez@naleo.org)) or Paula Valle Castanon ([pvalle@naleo.org](mailto:pvalle@naleo.org)).

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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.*