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Democratic and Republican Presidential Candidates Invited to Join NALEO in Washington D.C. for Nation's Largest Latino Political Convention

More than 1,000 Latino leaders expected to attend NALEO presidential candidate forums, which will be held during the group's annual conference from June 23-25, 2016

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 33rd Annual Conference](#) in Washington, D.C.

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](#) and the organization's 40th anniversary, NALEO has invited the three remaining candidates vying for the White House to address the nation's Latino elected and appointed officials during the organization's Presidential candidate forums.

“With more than 13.1 million Latinos expected to cast ballots this November, the road to the White House will run through the Latino community in 2016,” said Arturo Vargas, NALEO Executive Director. “Given the size of the Latino electorate nationwide and in key battleground states, it is vital that individuals vying for the nation's highest office engage the Latino community on the issues that matter most. As the largest Latino political convention in the nation, the NALEO Annual Conference is a unique opportunity for presidential candidates to address the Latino leaders who are on the frontlines tackling the day-to-day issues affecting their communities.”

The [NALEO Annual Conference](#) has emerged as the preeminent forum for our nation's leadership to engage Latino officials and the millions of constituents NALEO members represent. 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 Jeb Bush, Dr. Ben Carson and others.

In addition to the Presidential candidate forums, conference attendees will participate in panel discussions on various issues on the national agenda, including criminal justice reform, affordable housing, gun policy, student loan debt, Latina leadership, mental health and an

overview of the role of Latinos as candidates and voters in Election 2016. A special plenary featuring three ambassadors to the United States will also take place on Friday, June 24, 2016.

The [NALEO Annual Conference](#) is part of a series of events designed to honor [NALEO's ruby anniversary](#) and the past, present and future of the nation's second largest population group. The first anniversary event, the NALEO Edward R. Roybal Legacy Gala, was held in Washington, D.C. on March 15, 2016. [NALEO's 40th anniversary events](#) will conclude with an emphasis on the nation's future Latino political leadership at the organization's 11th Biennial Institute for Newly Elected Officials in Washington D.C from November 17-20, 2016.

The [NALEO 33rd Annual Conference](#) is made possible through the generous support of Presenting Sponsor, Toyota.

This event is open to press. More information can be found on the NALEO website at <http://www.naleo.org/dc2016>.

What: NALEO 33rd 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 is required.** To register, please contact Amanda Bosquez (abosquez@naleo.org) or Paula Valle Castanon (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.